

PRONUNCIATION

Find your partner...

Can you see that ship?

Can you see that ship?

Can you see that sheep?

Can you see that sheep?

He wants to live.

He wants to live.

He wants to leave.

He wants to leave.

I'm really hungry.

I'm really hungry.

I'm really angry.

I'm really angry.

Wow, that's a great prize!

Wow, that's a great prize!

Wow, that's a great price!

Wow, that's a great price!

Don't go too close to the edge.

Don't go too close to the edge.

Don't go too close to the hedge.

Don't go too close to the hedge.

Do you have any bears here?

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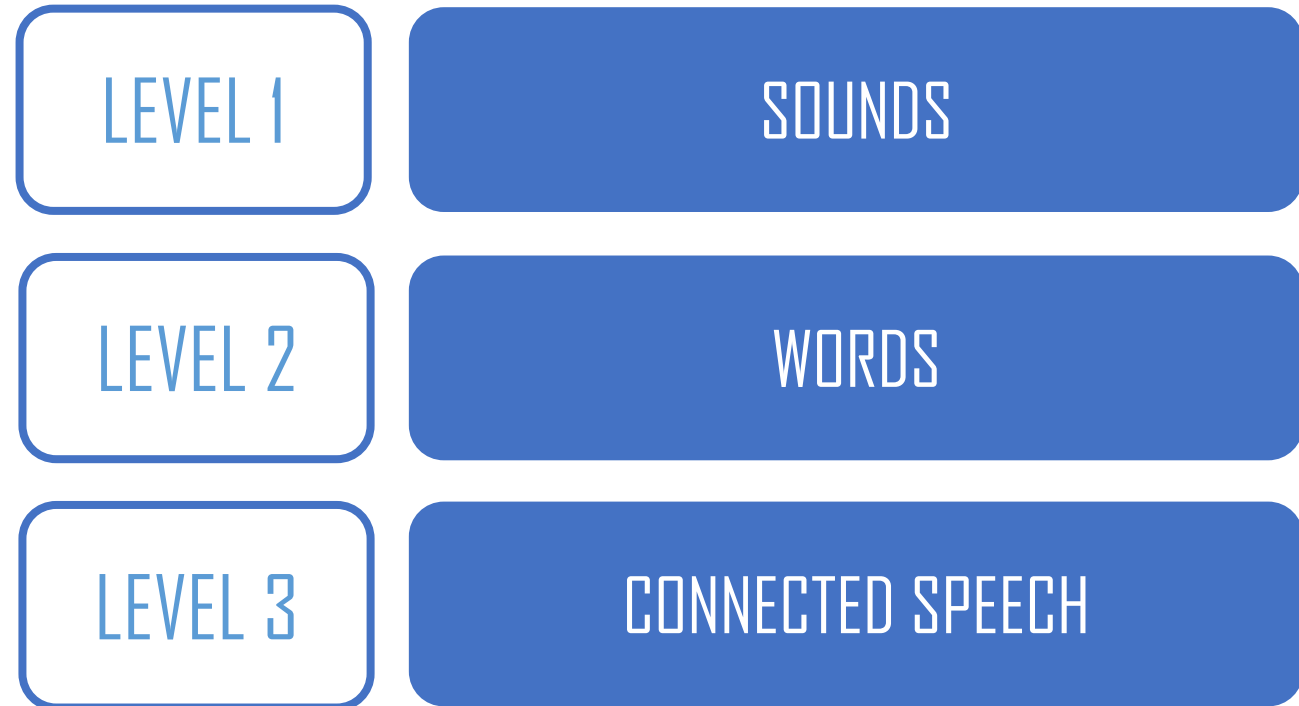
Do you have any beers here?



Pronunciation...does  
it matter?

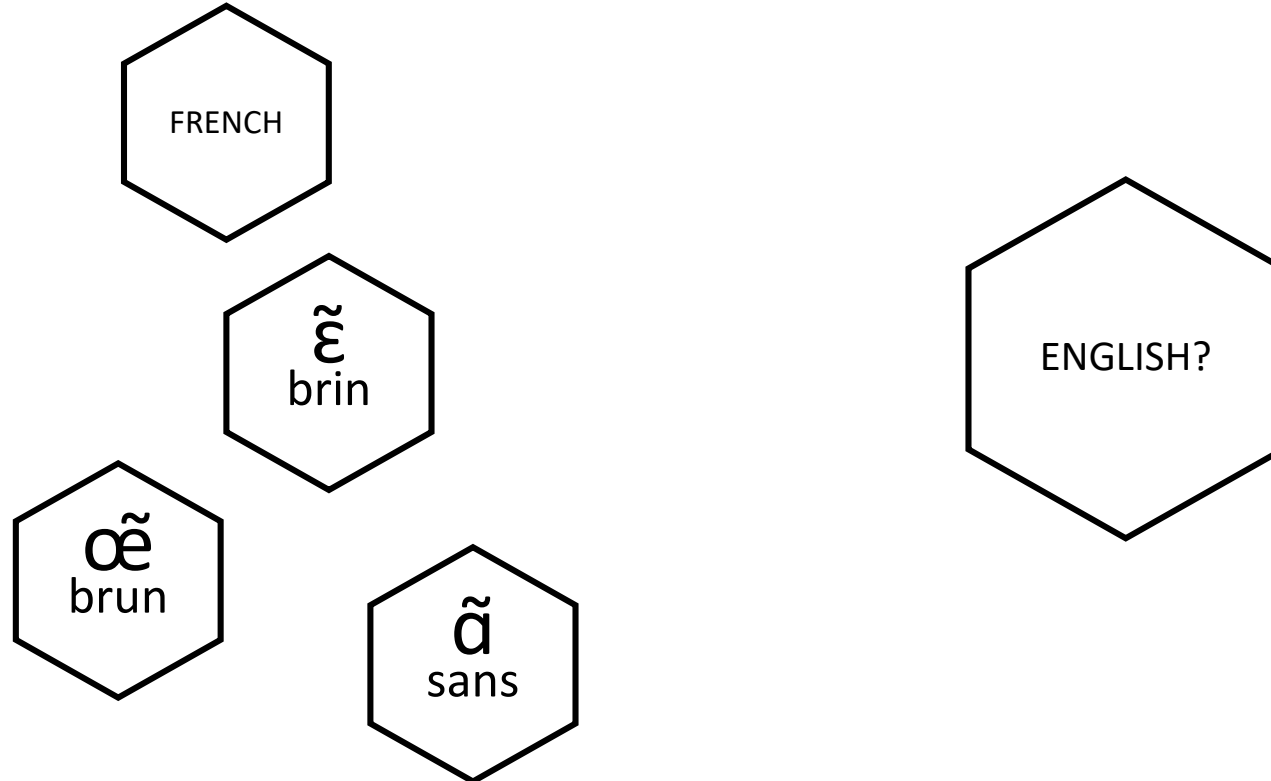
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## **comfortable intelligibility**



# LEVEL 1 – SOUNDS

What are the hardest sounds for you to say?

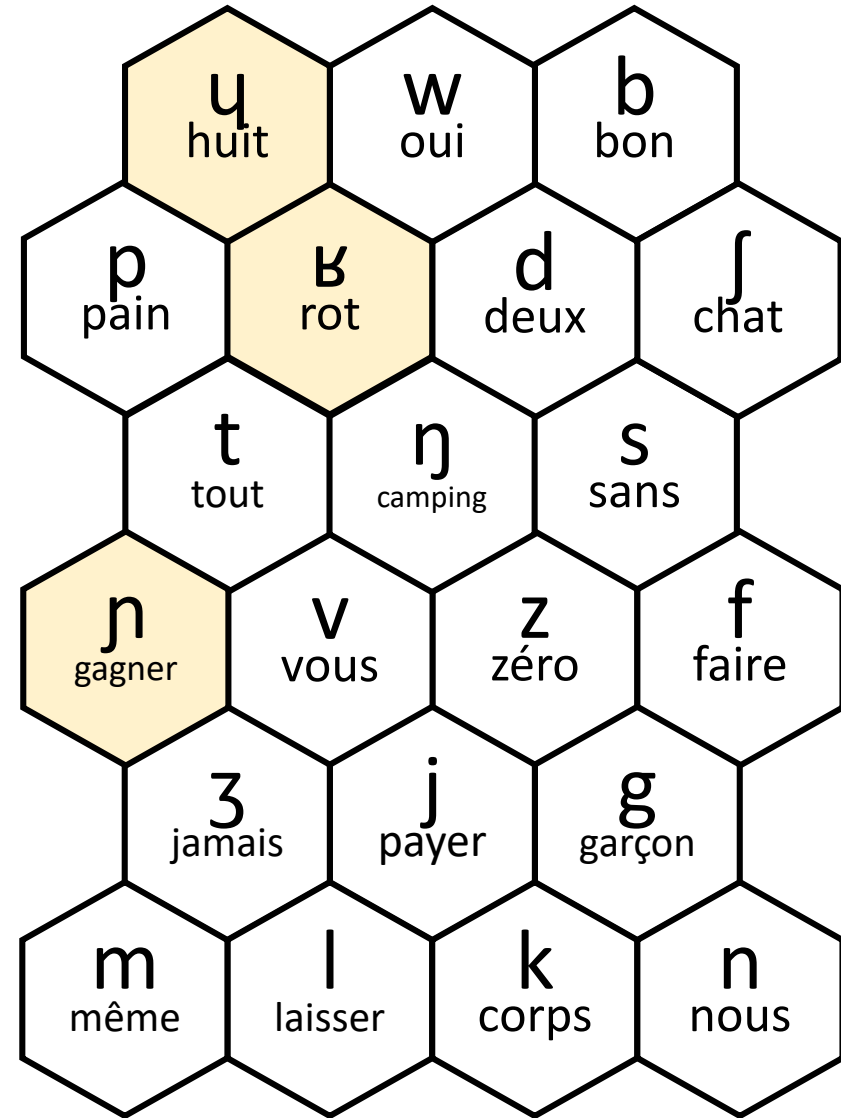
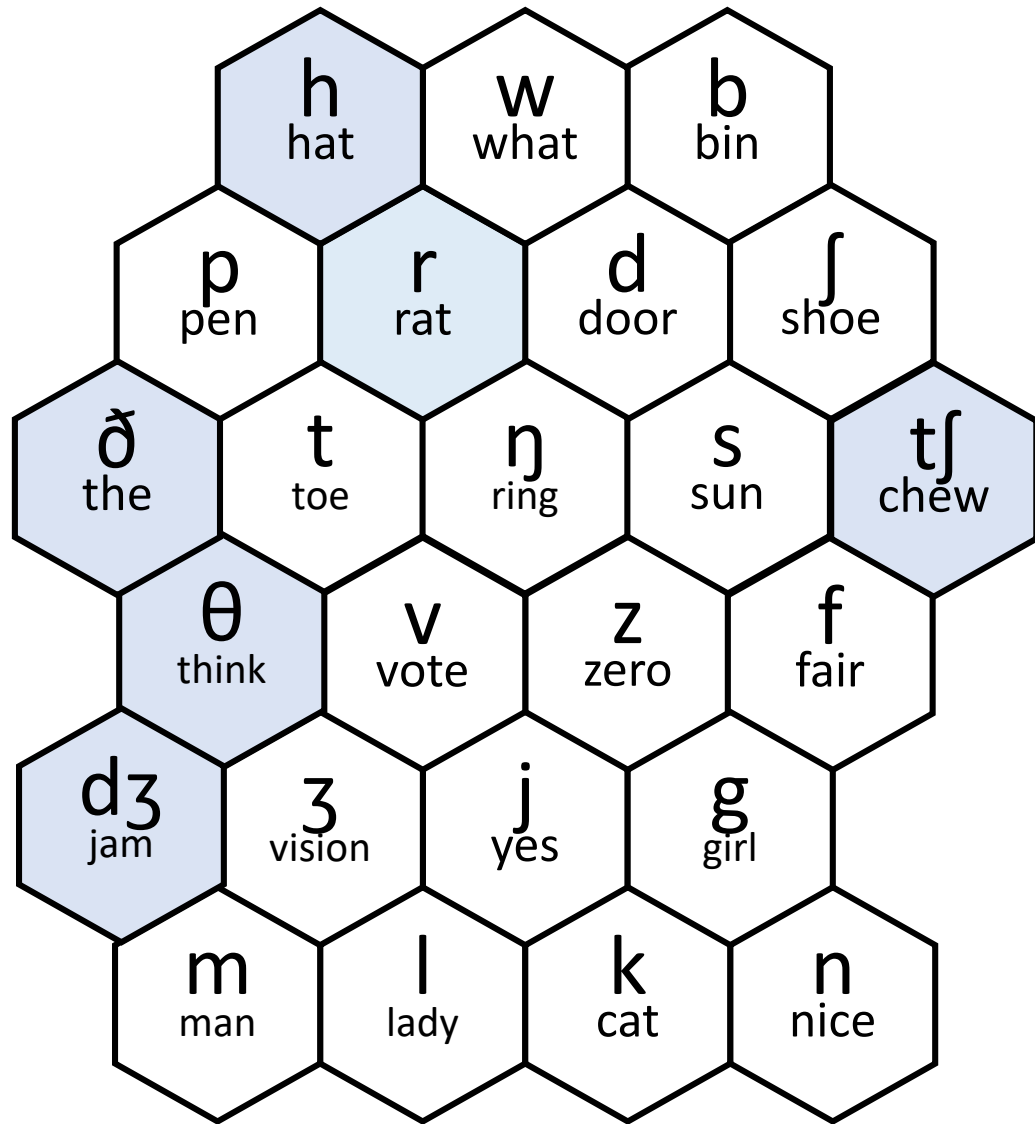


Vowels are difficult...

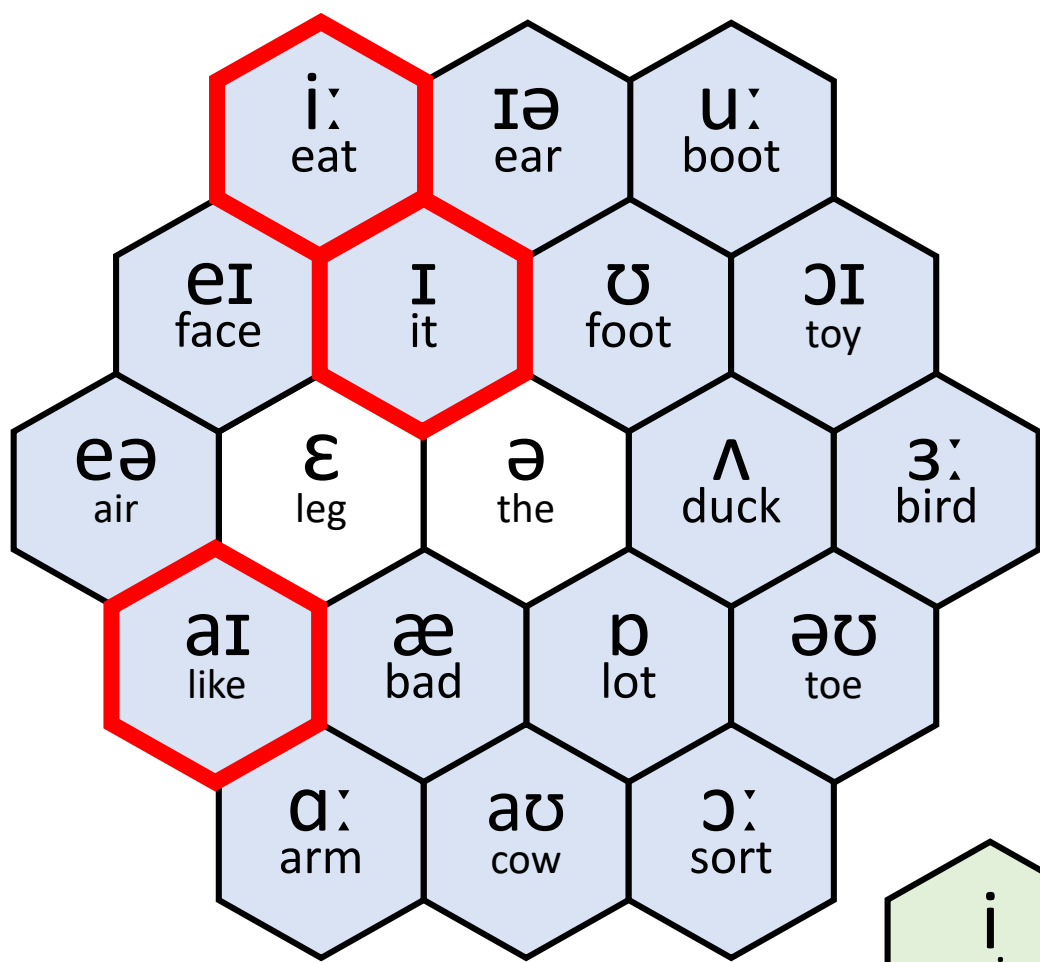
Consonants are not.



# ENGLISH

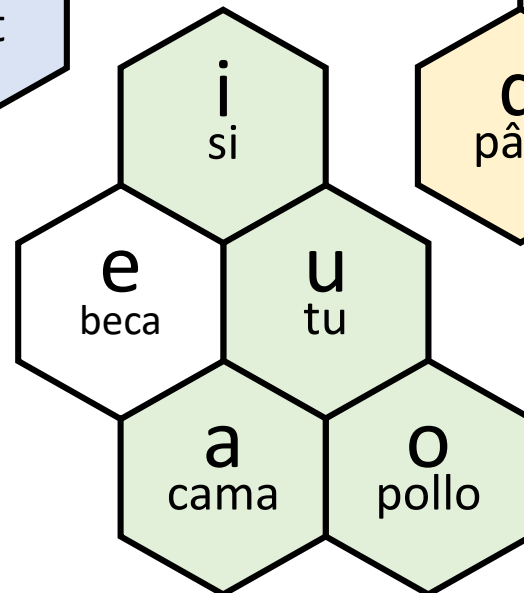
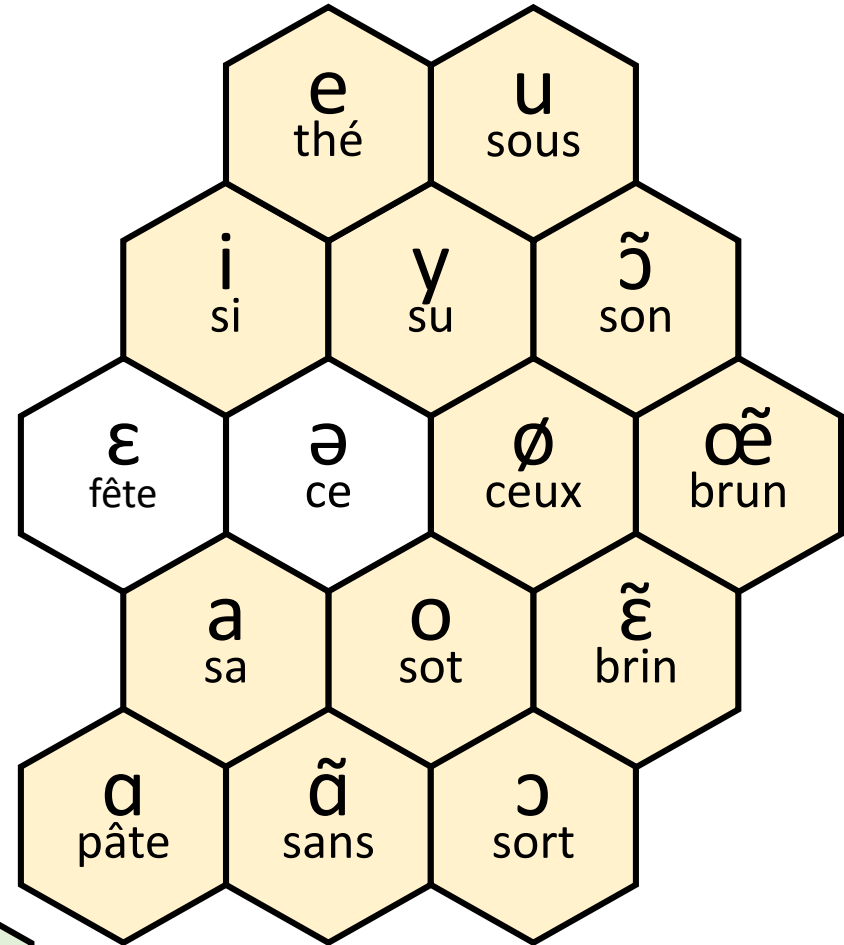


# FRENCH



ENGLISH VOWELS

FRENCH VOWELS



SPANISH VOWELS

# English puzzle...

/ɪ/

sit

/aɪ/

site

/i:/

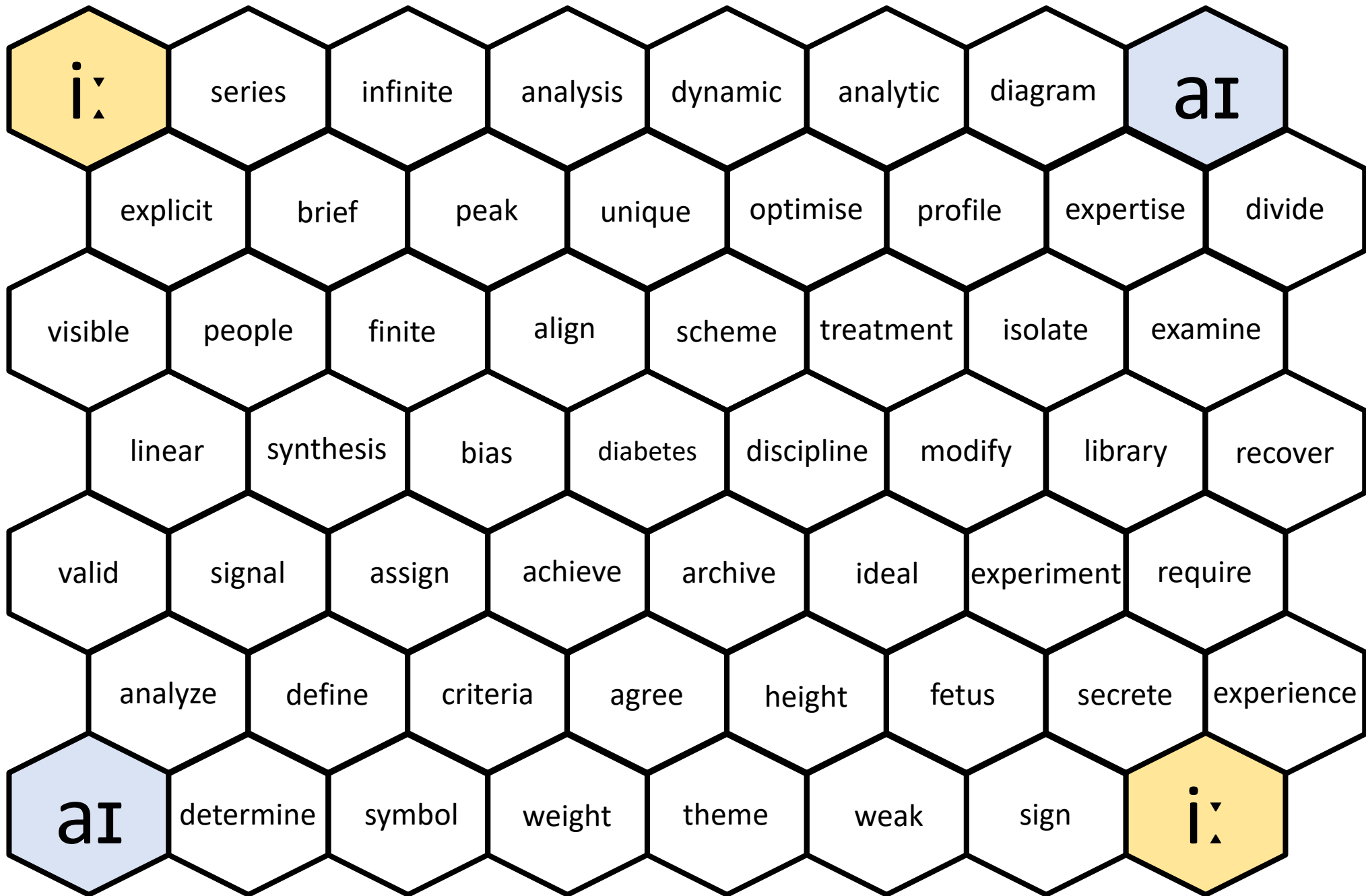
seat, feet, unique

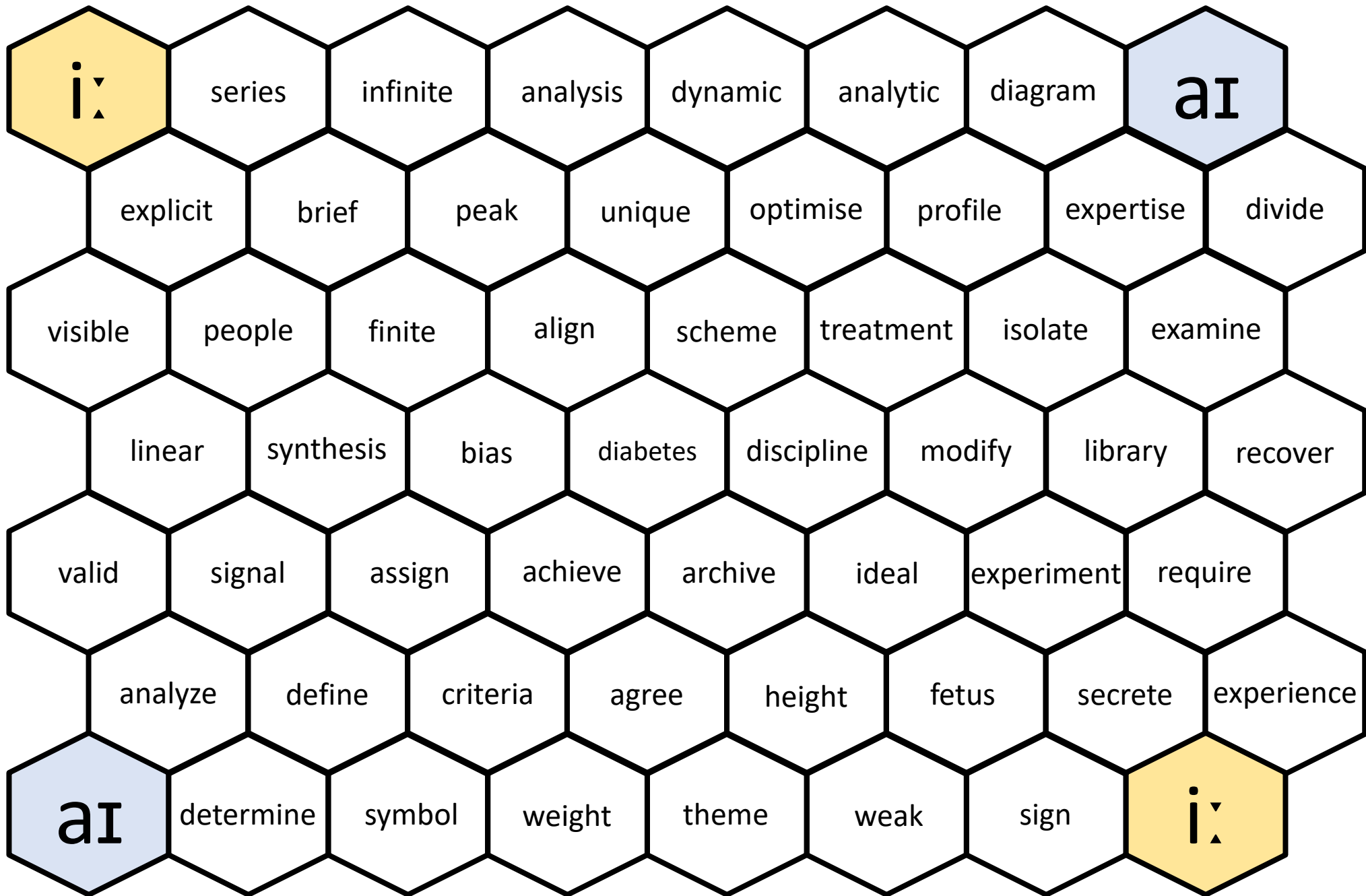
/ɛ/

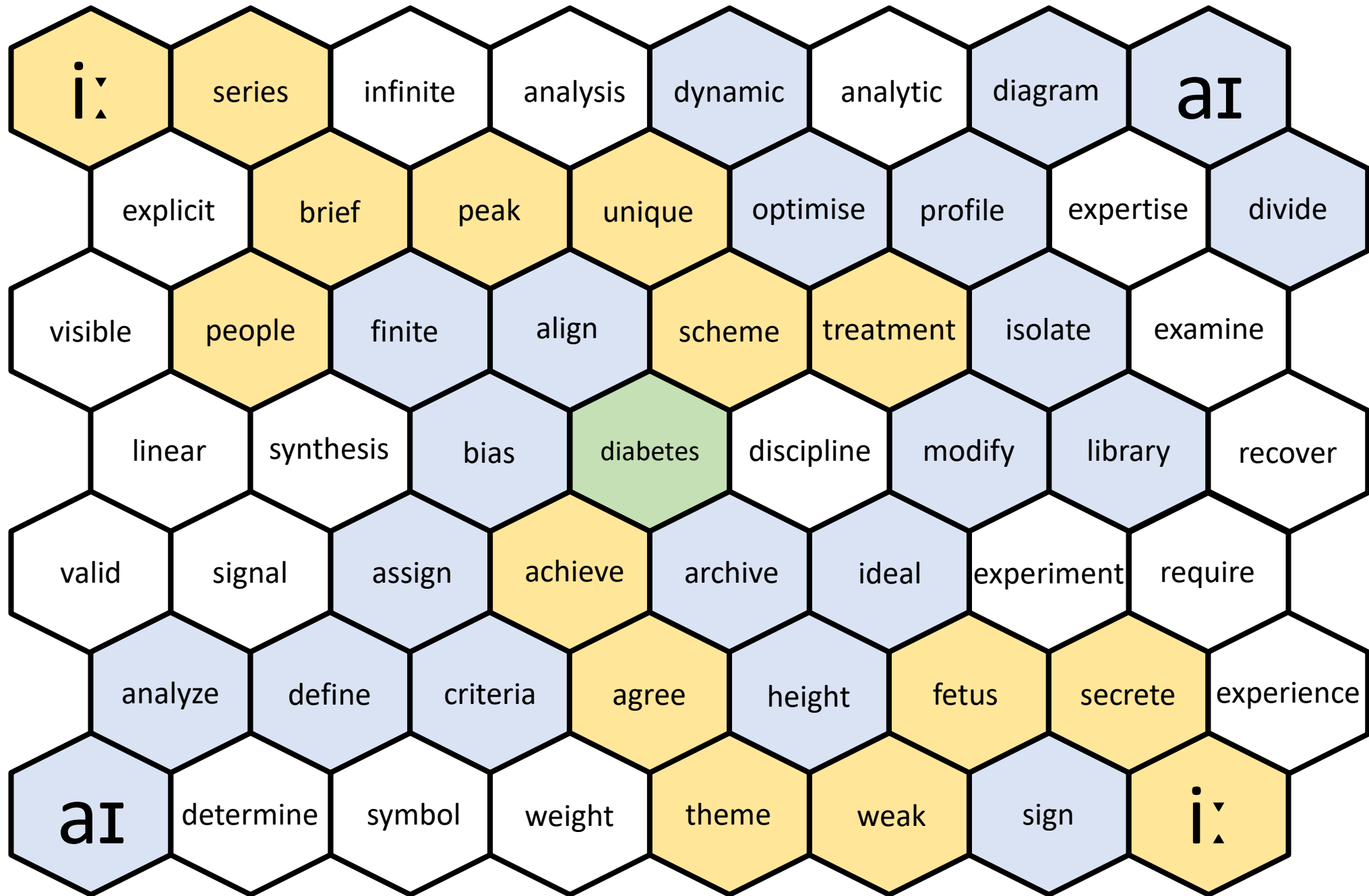
read, red

/aɪ/

fly, buy, site





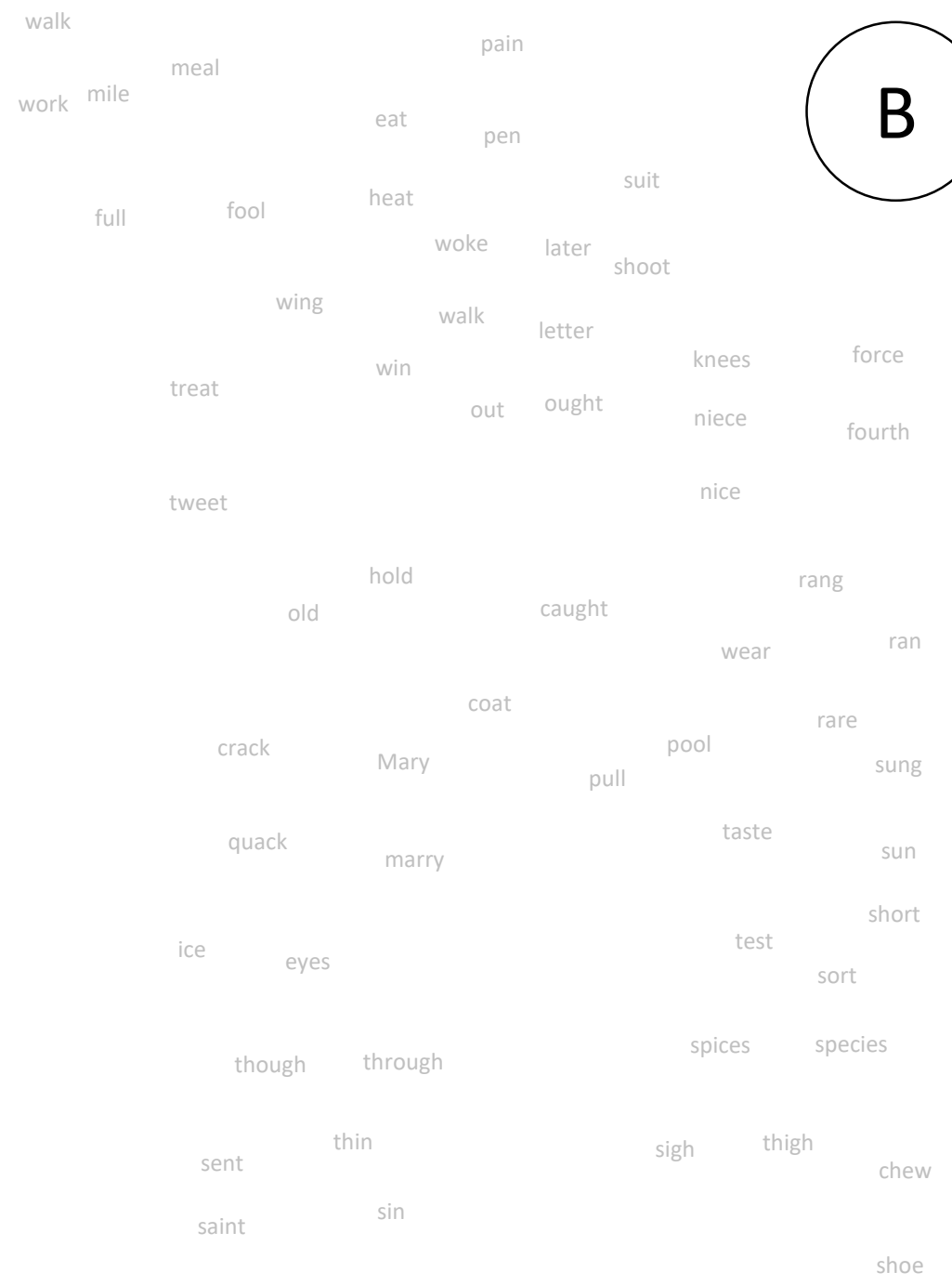
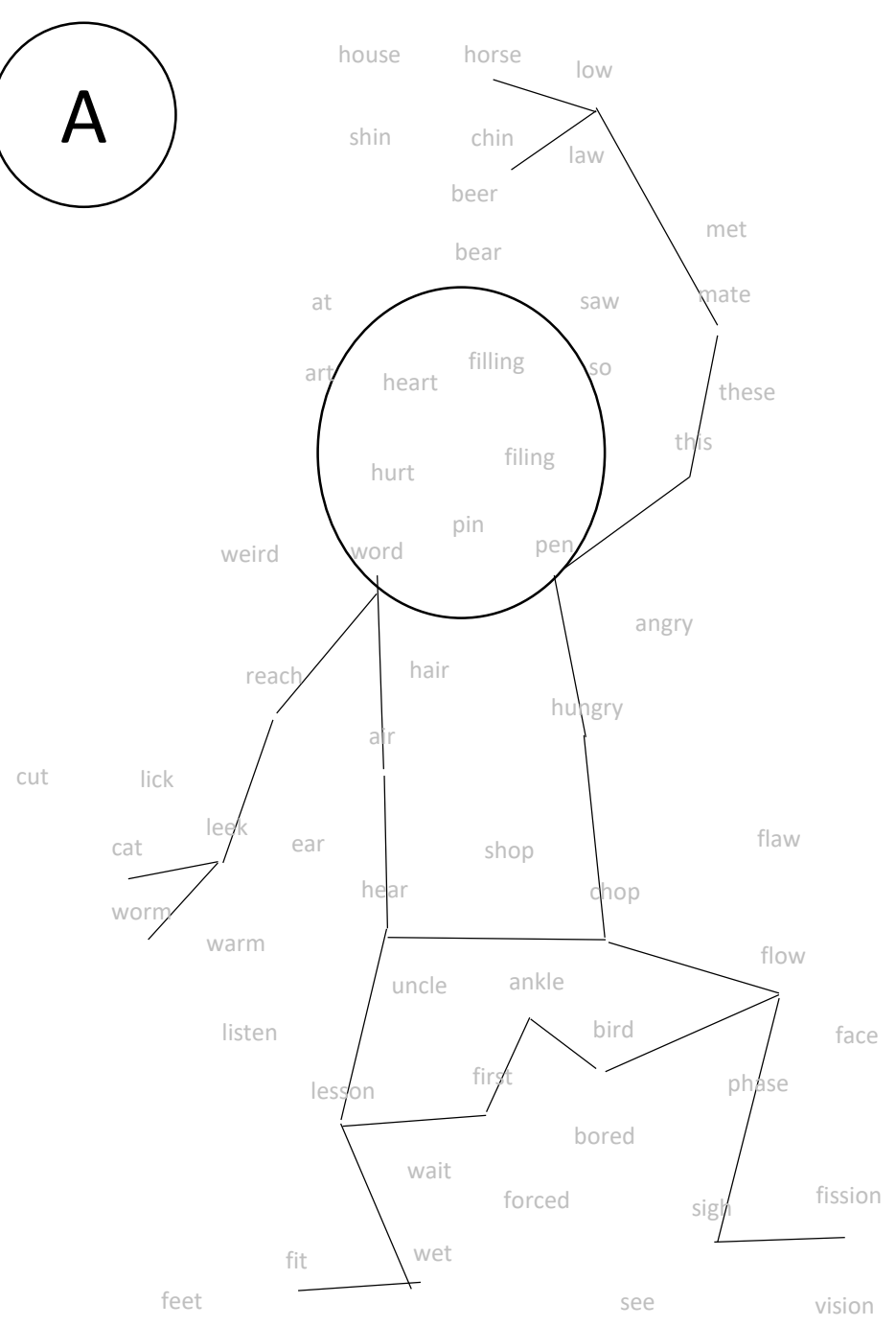


# Minimal pairs

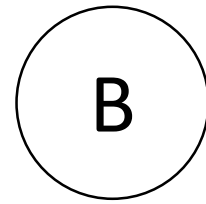
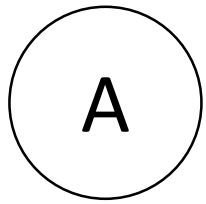
- A minimal pair is a pair of words which differ only in one sound.
- Dot-to-dot

A

B

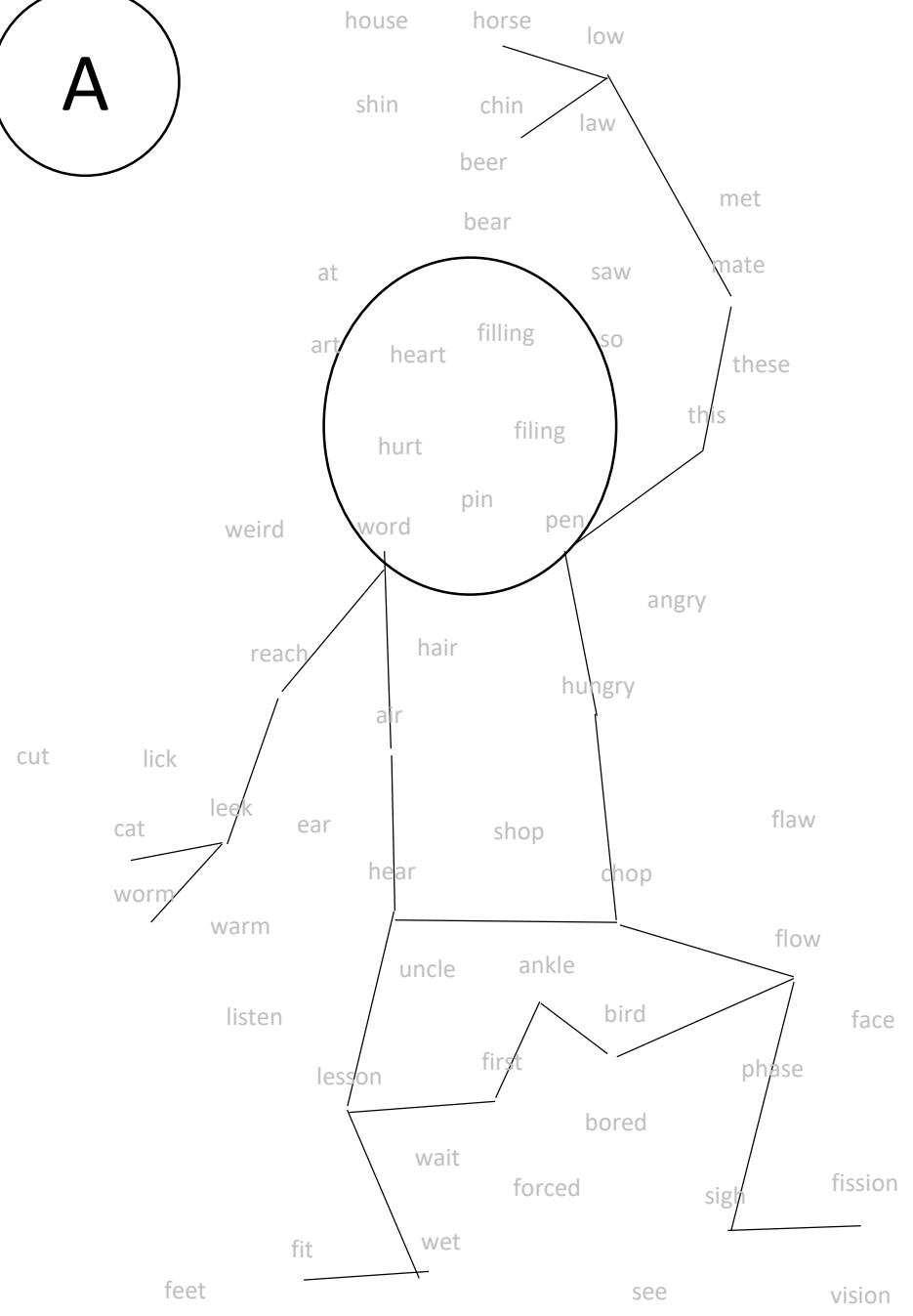




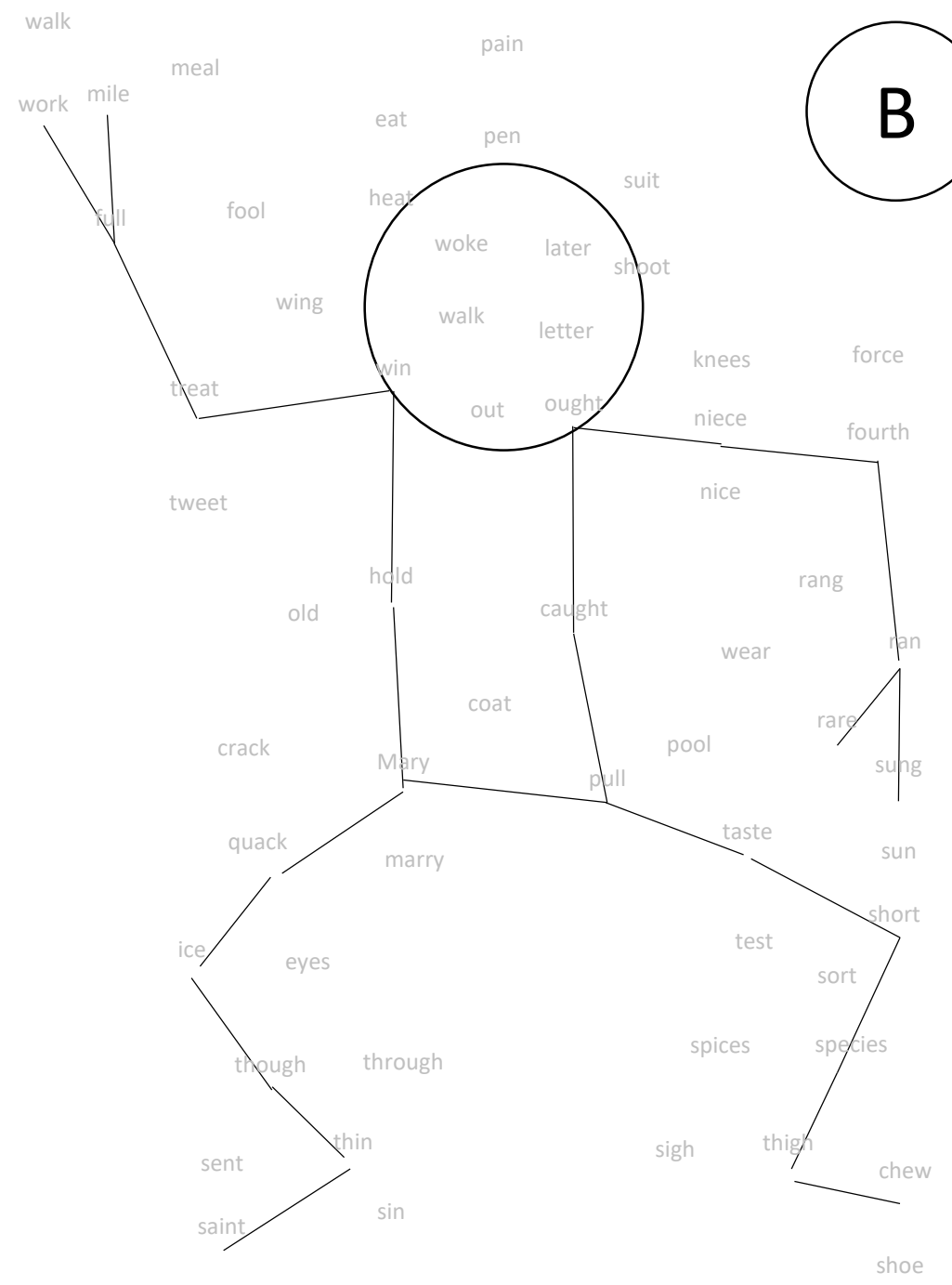


house horse low walk meal pain  
 shin chin law work mile eat pen  
 beer law met full fool heat suit  
 bear bear mate wing woke later shoot  
 at saw mate treat win walk letter  
 art heart filling so these out ought  
 hurt filing this niece force  
 weird word pin pen tweet nice fourth  
 reach hair angry hld caught rang  
 cut lick air hungry coat pool rare ran  
 cat leek ear shop flaw crack Mary pull sung  
 worm warm hear chop flow quack marry taste sun  
 listen uncle ankle bird face flow test sort  
 lesson first bored phase through through spices species  
 wait forced sigh fission thin sent thin sigh thigh chew  
 fit wet forced sigh fission thin sent thin sigh thigh chew  
 feet fit wet forced sigh fission thin sent thin sigh thigh chew  
 see vision saint sin shoe

**A**



**B**



# How can you know how to pronounce a word?

<https://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com/>

<https://howjsay.com/>

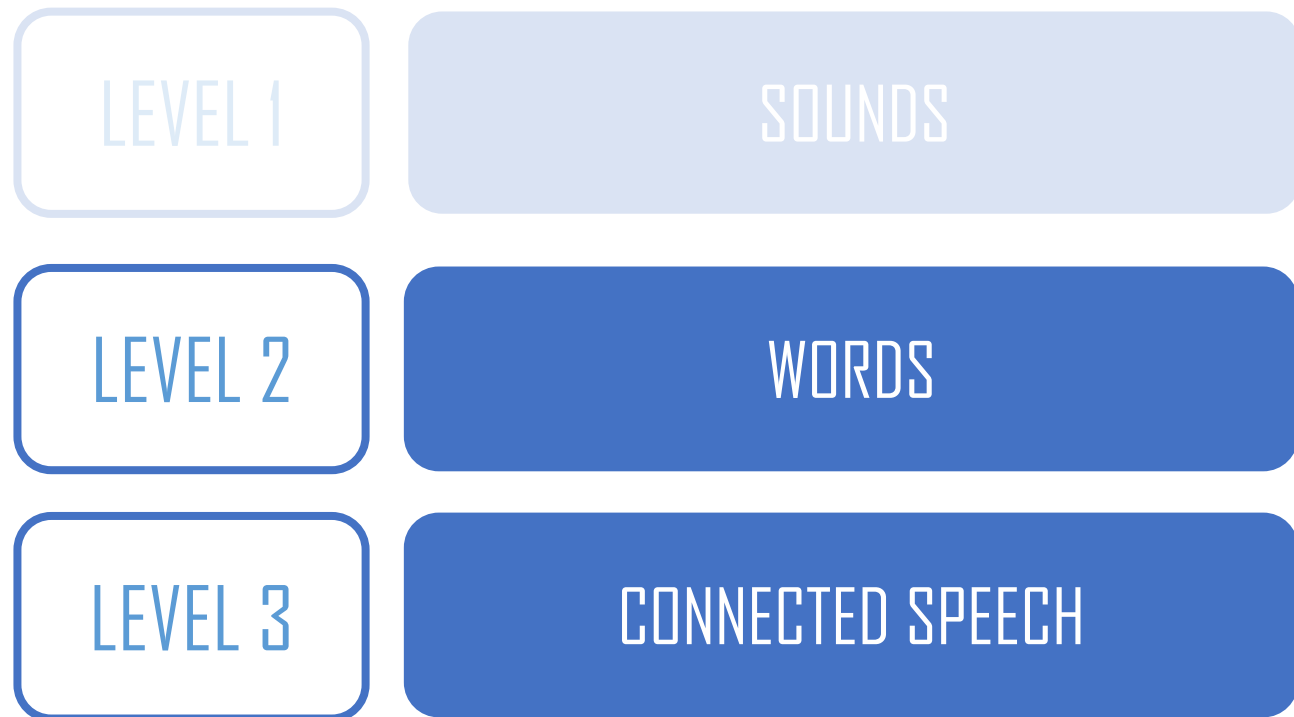
<https://forvo.com/>

<https://youglish.com/>

<https://www.playphrase.me/>

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## LEVEL 2 – WORDS

Syllable stress is THE source of difficulty

Syllable stress is THE basis for word recognition

Which syllable is **LOUDER, longer, HIGHER**

ultimate?	penultimate?	antepenultimate?	pre-antepenultimate?
..oO	..Oo	..Ooo	...Oooo
preDICT	deVElop	TERminate	MECHanism



TRANSPARENT WORDS

How can you know the stress pattern of a word?

In the dictionary: <https://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com>

**syllable** *noun*

BrE /'sɪləbl/ ; NAmE /'sɪləbl/ 



**development** *noun*

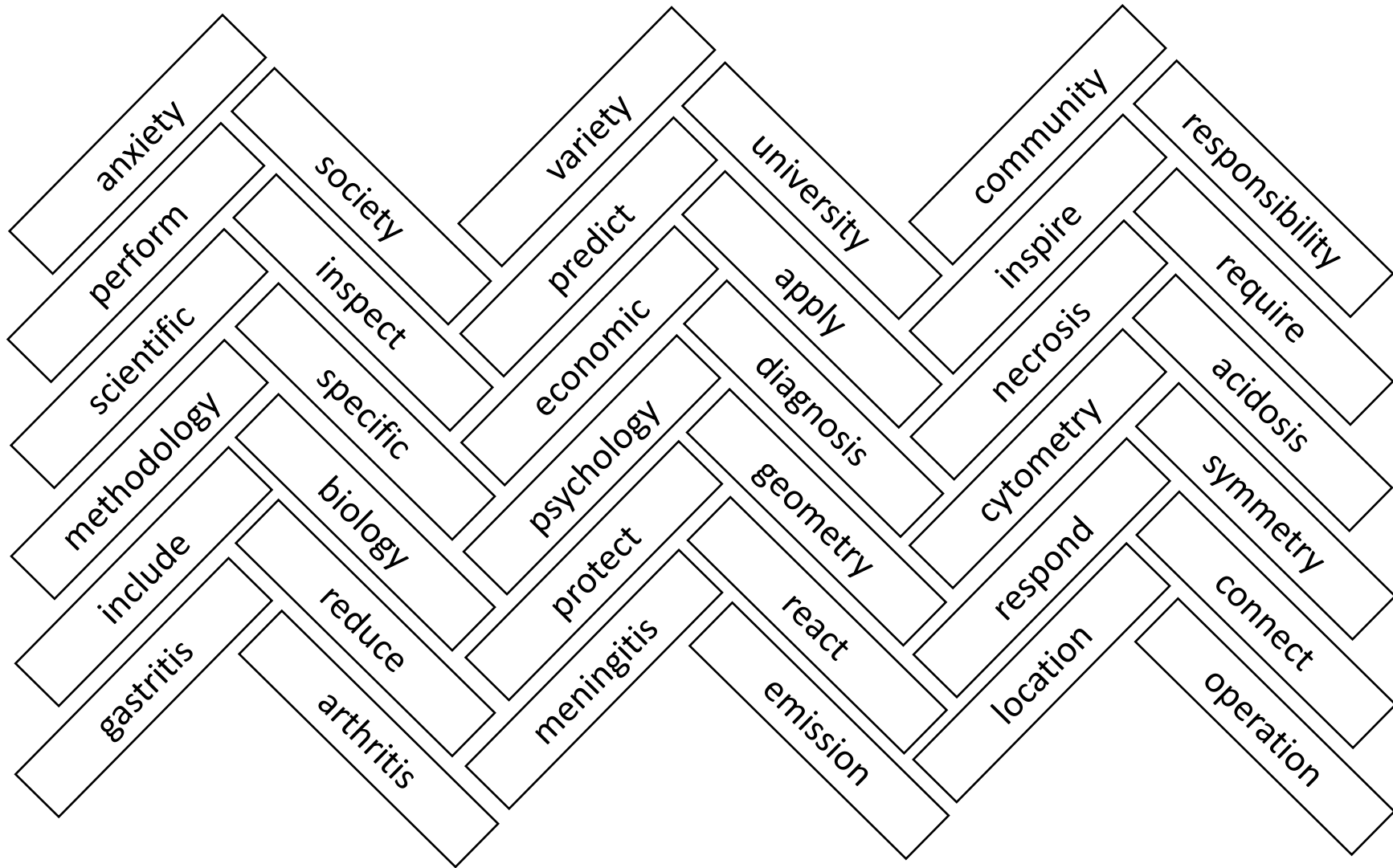
BrE /dɪ'veləpmənt/ ; NAmE /dɪ'veləpmənt/ 



**hypothesis** *noun*

BrE /haɪ'pɒθəsis/ ; NAmE /haɪ'pɑːθəsis/ 

(pl. hypotheses BrE /haɪ'pɒθəsiːz/ ; NAmE /haɪ'pɑːθəsiːz/ 

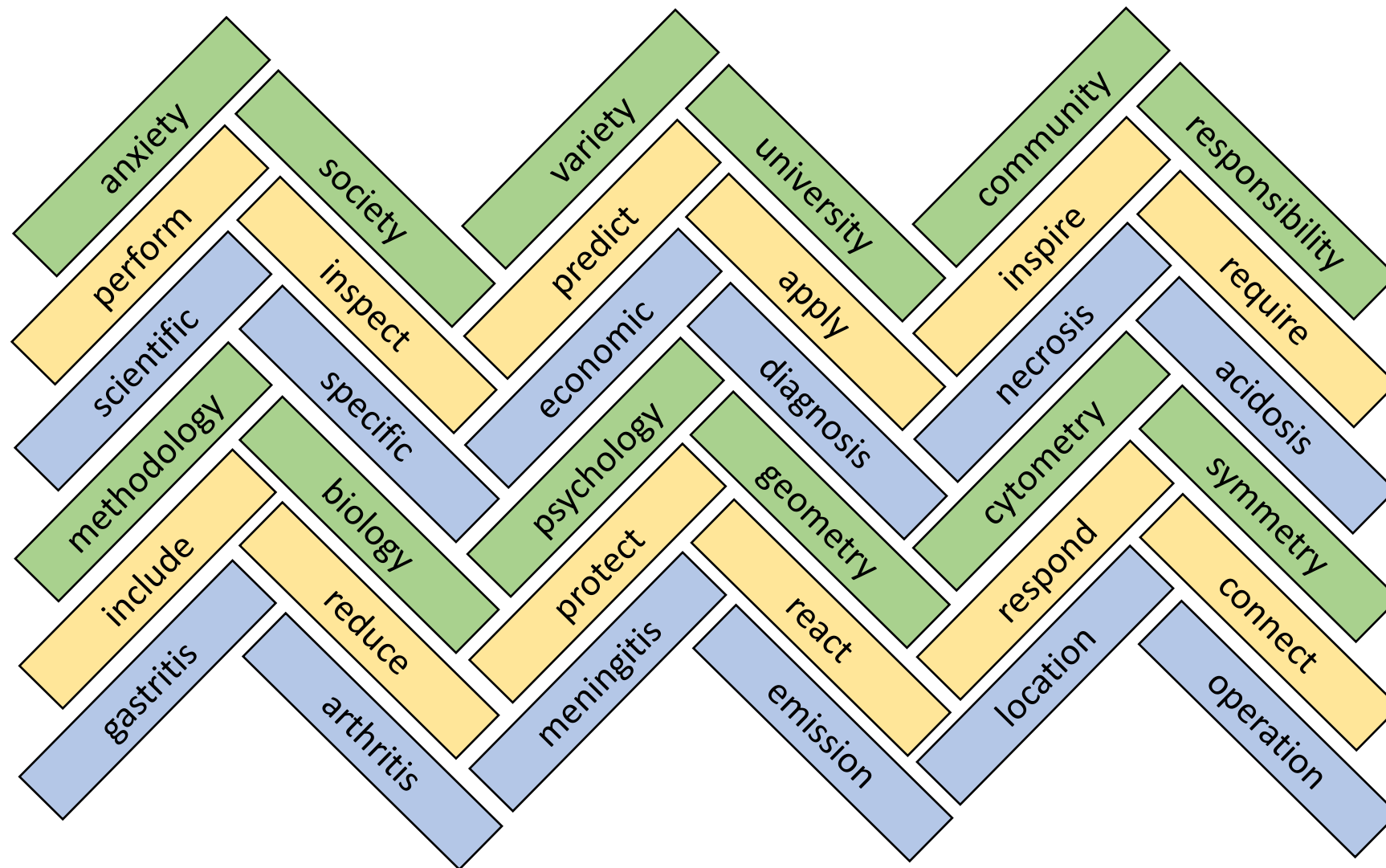


Colour words with the same stress pattern in the same colour:

...oO

...Oo

...Ooo

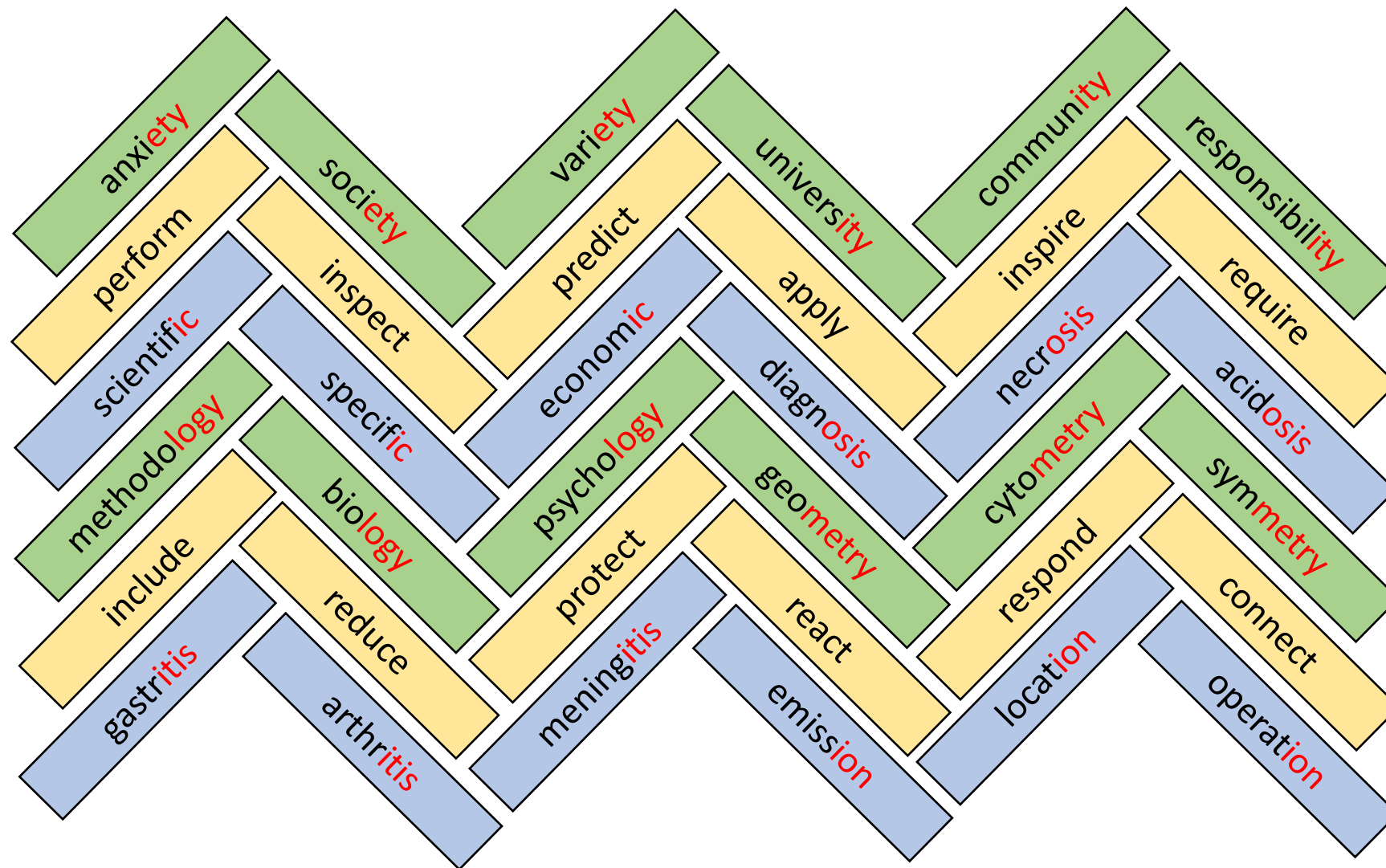


...o0

...0o

...0oo





...oO

...Oo

...Ooo

# LOOK FOR PATTERNS



Words with the same ending often have the same stress pattern

-teen

-eer

-self

-aire

-esce

-ique

-ise

-ade

-sive

-itis

-osis

-oma

-oidal

-ival

-escence

-iscence

-ible

-uble

-ity

-ety

-efy

-ular

-graphy

-itude

...oO

...Oo

...Ooo

# A few rules

- Stress the last syllable of most 2-syllable **verbs**:

**Require, decide**

- Stress the first syllable of most 2-syllable nouns and adjectives:

**Climate, knowledge, spacious, honest**

- Stress the last-but-one syllable in words finishing with: -cy, -ity, -phy, -gy, -al

**Democracy, infinity, geography, radiology, exceptional, critical**

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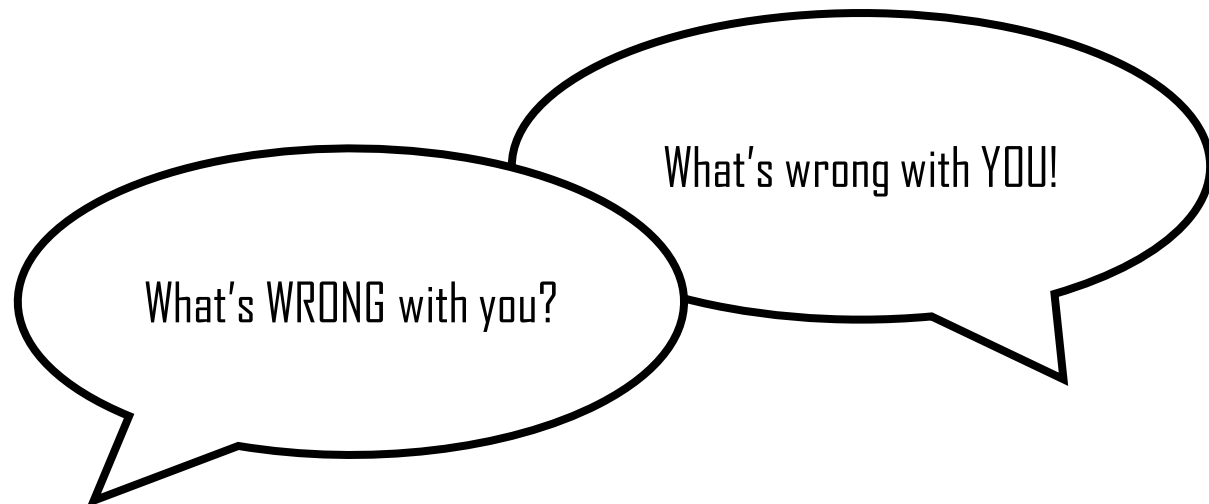
# LEVEL 3 – CONNECTED SPEECH

- **Prosody** – the music of the language – sound, rhythm, pitch



- English has its own “music” and greater variations than French.
- In word groups, the important words will be...

🔊 **LOUDE**  
↔ **R**  
🎵 **longer**  
**HIGHER**



# Why Prosody Matters...

- For *comfortable* intelligibility it is crucial to stress the important word(s) in a phrase.
- Intelligibility can be compromised if important words are not stressed – listeners may have difficulty taking notes.
- Prosody can become flat when you speak for a long turn.

# LEVEL 3 – CONNECTED SPEECH

- **Shadowing** – a technique for developing your prosody.
- Read – listen – imitate

# Shadowing

- Select a video + transcript from a site like...
  - <https://www.ted.com/>
  - <http://serious-science.org/videos>
- Read transcript, think about prosody
- Listen & pay attention to prosody
- Listen & imitate prosody



STARTING OUT	Our topic today is...	First of all,...
	What we are going to focus on in this presentation is...	XX are what I want to focus on in this presentation
	As most of you know, X is a major problem for...	So what do we know about...?
	There are two key questions that we need to address...	You may know that... but what you might not know is that...
	I'd like to begin by discussing X	
TRANSITIONS	Let's turn now to...	So what's the logical next step here?
	With this is mind, let's move on now to...	I'd like now to look at X in more detail
REFERRING TO VISUALS	If you look at the figure on the right of the slide you will note....	On the next slide, you will notice that...
	Here, on the slide, you can see...	
GIVING EXAMPLES	Now, to give you an example...	One example of this could be...
	In other words...	To illustrate this point...
RECAPPING EXPLAINING	As I've just mentioned...	What particularly interests me is...
	Let's consider this point in more detail...	So how can we explain this...?
COMPARING CONTRASTING	These results, however, tell a very different story	If we compare these two images we see that...
	Here, in this area you can see... whereas here you can see...	So how do the two methods compare?
		In contrast...
CONCLUDING	To conclude...	One final question that is worth raising is that...
	I'd like to round up by giving...	So, if you have any questions I'd be happy to answer them.

# Choose a topic you will speak about for 2-3 minutes

- Lay the *signposting* cards and the *questions and answers* cards on the table
- Each person should take 3 of each
- Prepare to speak for 2 minutes continuously on one of the topics shown.
- You get points for using your signposting expressions well.
- Your colleagues get points for asking good questions.
- See if you can test out all of the expressions on the cards.

# TOPICS

COVID 19	Impairment overestimation	Vaccines
An internship	Strokes	Neuropsychological evaluations
Alzheimer's	Rehabilitation	Memory deficits

# Time to give structured talks!

- Moderators need to keep track of structuring phrases used
- 1 pt per phrase used accurately
- 1 pt for good question

# QUIZLETLIVE

Flash the QR code or connect to Quizlet.com

