

German Diction
irregular/short words

[ɪ] bin
bist
ist
hin
mit
ich
im (in dem)
in

closed
Schoß
süß
bloß
goß
groß
größte
Gruß
grüssen
Fuss

[i] ihn
ihm
mir

[e] der
den
dem
wer
wen
wem
werden

open
Schloß
Kuß
küßen
muss
müssen
Schluß
Fluß
Flüssen

[ɛ] des
es
wes

weg =away
WEG [vek] noun =way

[o]
Mond
vor
hoch (from Höhe, which is closed)

[ø]
hören all the same, even with CC
because it is a verb stem
hörst
gehört
hörbar

[ɔ] ob
von
vom
doch
noch

[u] zum (zu dem)

[U]
und
uns
um

German Irregular pronunciations

Usually CC (consonant cluster) means open vowel before it,
BUT NOT in the words below

[e] all are closed e

erst, Erde, Herd, Schwert, wert, Beschwerde, Pferd, werden, Erz*
(as in iron ore), stets, Krebs, Geste

[o] all are closed o

hoch**, hoherfreut, Hochgefühl, hochbegabt, Ostern, Kloster,
prost, Trost, getrost, bloss, Schoss, gross, stossen, Mond,
Montag, Obst, Vogt (warden)

[ø] all are closed ö

Grösse, Blösse, stösst, trösten, rösten, höchst [høçst]

[u] all are closed u

***Busse, Fuss (Fuß), Gruss (Gruß), Musse, Buch, Tuch, suchen,
Fluch, Kuchen, Schuster, husten, Geburt

[y] all are closed ü

Wüste, düster, büssen, müssig, süss (süß), grüssen
(grüßen), Füße, Bücher, Tücher

*Erz (as in Erzherzog) = [ɛ]

**Hochzeit o = open [ɔ] a double irregular??!!

***Some books count the ß as only one consonant, again
doubly confusing

Design an IPA chart for **English** using at least 12 different vowel sounds.

Arrange them in a half circle in a logical manner, bright to dark, closed to open, etc.

Give an example rhyming word for each vowel.

Hint: For more variations of the famous a,e,i,o,and u, remember that the letter r after a vowel in English often "colors" the pronunciation of that vowel.

Here's a start

[i]

[u]

[ɑ]

These three given vowels are the cornerstone for all IPA charts. The symbols are taken from Italian spellings. ([i] always closed [ɑ] always open [u] always closed)