

PHONETIC VOWEL ROTATIONS

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Phonetic Vowel Rotations is offered as a new twist on vowel rotations, a genre familiar to the readers of Word Ways. LAST LEST LIST LOST LUST is a vowel rotation. The embedded 5 major vowels (a, e, i, o and u) 'rotate' in the same position in the word, the other letters also remaining in their positions.

In Phonetic Vowel Rotations:

1. the embedded rotating vowel sounds are those **as pronounced in the alphabet**.
2. each vowel sound can be made from **any number of letters**.
3. the vowel sound is sandwiched **between two short consonantal sounds** each of which can also be made from **any number of letters**.

The number of complete Phonetic Vowel Rotations is limited by the lack of words with a suitably-situated alphabetical U sound. For example, WAYS WEES WISE WOES.....whoops!

The words abide by the Phonetics List of the Oxford English Dictionary, Second Edition.

bine = *hop stem*; buze = *a pipe to convey air into mines*; dade = *a wading bird*; pheme = *words in an utterance as they make up a grammatical unit in language*; fime = *dung*; guze = *a roundle of a sanguine tint*; keet = *coll. lorikeet or parakeet*; mese = *the middle string of a 7-stringed lyre in ancient Greek music*; mise = *to be miserly*; nide = *a brood of pheasants*; nate = *to use*; nighs = *draws near to*; pule = *a whine*; tute = *coll. tutor*; tain = *tinfoil*; Tays = *rivers called Tay*; tase = *takes*; tews = *toils*; veys = *surveys*; voes = *bays in Orkney & Shetland*

	A (er)	E (i:)	I (ai)	O (əu)	U (ju:)
b - d	BADE	BEAD	BIDE	BODE	BUDE (in Cornwall, U.K.)
b - n	BANE	BEEN/BEAN	BINE	BONE	BUNE (a surname)
b - t	BAIT/BATE	BEAT/BEET	BITE/BIGHT	BOAT	BEAUT/ BUTTE
b - z	BAYS/BAIZE	BEEES	BUYS	BOWS/BEAUX(S)	BUZE
d - d	DADE	DEED	DIED/DYED	DOUGHED	DUDE
d - s	DAIS/DACE	DIX	DICE	DOSE	DEUCE
d - z	DAZE/DAYS	DEES	DIES	DOES	DUES
f - d	FADE	FEED	FIED	FOED	FEUD
f - m	FAME	PHEME	FIME	FOAM	FUME
f - z	FAZE/PHASE	FEEES	FIES	FOES	FUSE
g - z	GAZE	GHEES	GUISE	GOES	GUZE
h - d	HAYED	HEED	HIDE	HOED/HOAD	HEWED
h - z	HAZE	HES	HIGHS	HOSE/HOES	HEWS
k - t	KATE	KEET	KITE	COAT/COTE	CUTE
l - d	LAYED/LAID	LEAD/LIED(song)	LIED	LOAD	LEWD
m - t	MATE	MEET/MEAT	MITE/MIGHT	MOAT	MUTE
m - z	MAZE/MAIZE	MESE	MISE	MOWS	MUSE
m - l	MALE/MAIL	MEAL	MILE	MOLE	MULE
n - d	NEIGHED	NEED/KNEAD	NIDE	NODE	NUDE
n - t	NATE	NEAT	NIGHT	NOTE	NEWT
n - z	NEIGHS	KNEES	NIGHS	NOSE	NEWS
p - l	PALE/PAIL	PEAL/PEEL	PILE	POLE	PULE
p - z	PAYS	PEAS/PEES	PIES	POSE	PEWS
s - z	SAYS	SEIZE/SEES	SIZE/SIGHS	SEWS	SUES
t - n	TAIN	TEEN	TINE	TONE	TUNE
t - t	TATE	TEAT	TIGHT	TOTE	TUTE
t - z	TAYS/TASE	TEES/TEAS	TIES/TIGHS	TOES	TEWS
v - z	VEYS	VEES	VIES	VOES	VIEWES

An extension of the above sees **2 short consonantal sounds preceding the embedded vocalic sound**:

sp - d	SPADE	SPEED	SPIED	SPODE	SPEWED
st - p	STAPE	STEEP	STIPE	STOPE	STUPE