

# IMPORTANT

- Please do not print your entire name in ALL CAPS. Use capitalization to emphasize accented syllables.
- Do not use slashes “/” between syllables. Slashes look like capital I or small L. Use dashes or spaces.
- Print large and dark. Mechanical pencils and small print only makes it difficult to read.
- Ask Dennis (the announcer) for help in writing your name phonetically if you’re uncertain.

## **VOWEL SOUNDS**

A – like *fan*

AY – like in *face* (many languages the e is AY)

AH – like in *off* or *fall*

AO or AU – like in *cow*

EH – short e like in *men*

EE – long e like in *mean* (many languages the i is EE)

IH – short i like in *slim*

IY – long i like in *time*

OH – long o like in *ohm*

UH – short u like in *sum*

EW – long u like in *two* or *sue*

YEW – long u like in *use* or *few*

OO – short u or short oo like in *look*

## **UNAMBIGUOUS CONSONANTS**

G – hard g like in *good*

J – soft g or j like in *gym* or *jar*

K – k or hard c like in *kill* or *car* or the q sound in *unique*

S – soft c or s like in *cinnamon* or *sell*

ZH – soft j like the s in *measure* or the French j

CH – like in *chew*

SH – like in *shot*

KW or QU – like in *quit*

X or KS – like in *ax*

THH – soft th like in *worth* or *throw*

TH – hard th like in *worthy* or *them*