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### INTRODUCTION

#### Congratulations!

You have just purchased S.A.M. — the Software Automatic Mouth — a versatile, high-quality speech synthesizer created entirely in software. You have added quality speech to your personal computer for a lower cost than ever before possible and, in the bargain, have gained features that other speech synthesizers cannot offer.

S.A.M. is designed to be easy to use. With a couple of simple program statements, you can add speech to your BASIC or assembly-language programs. When you have mastered the easy-to-learn phonetic alphabet, the inflection system, and the use of pitch and speed controls, you will be amazed at what you can make S.A.M. do. And, until then it will already match the performance of other speech synthesizers.

We strongly suggest that you read this manual carefully while learning to use S.A.M. There are thorough discussions of S.A.M.'s features with illustrative examples of how to implement them. There is also a dictionary of useful words and their phonetic equivalents to help you learn the phonetic spelling system.

Also remember that as a registered S.A.M. owner, you are entitled to our services in answering your S.A.M.-related questions, providing updates and improvements to the S.A.M. program at nominal cost, and helping you with your applications of S.A.M. Yes, this is a not-too-subtle hint that you should send in your S.A.M. owner registration card today. We look forward to hearing from you.

### THE S.A.M. DISKETTE

The S.A.M. diskette contains several programs.

### 1. The S.A.M. speech synthesis program -

This program will boot in automatically and will leave your computer ready to accept speech input through BASIC or machine language programs. The program occupies about 9K bytes.

#### 2. RECITER -

RECITER is the English text-to-speech program that interfaces the S.A.M. program with ordinary English text input. It is **not** used for phonetic input and must be loaded in separately (see instructions). It occupies about 6K bytes.

#### 3. SAYIT -

A short BASIC program that allows you to type in strings of phonemes or text and hear them spoken immediately.

#### 4. DEMO -

A BASIC program that demonstrates some of S.A.M.'s features by telling a short story.

### 5. SPEECHES -

Another BASIC program that features some familiar texts to be spoken aloud by S.A.M.

#### 6. GUESSNUM -

A vocal version of the old guess-the-number-between-one-and-one-hundred game. Great for kids.

We suggest that you do not write additional data on the S.A.M. diskette. Remove it after loading the desired programs.

### USING THE S.A.M. PROGRAMS

The S.A.M. program itself is a self-contained maching-language program that automatically boots in from the S.A.M. diskette when a system cartridge (e.g. BASIC or ASSEMBLER) is in the left slot. Programs using S.A.M. in the phonetic mode can be run immediately at this point.

In order to allow maximum working space in Atari memory, S.A.M. has been installed in a location that conflicts with some functions of the Atari DOS 2.0S operating system. In particular, when the DOS menu must be accessed, such as to load the RECITER program or the RS232 handler, special care must be taken. We therefore ask you to take the following steps:

- Format a blank diskette using DOS 2.OS (S.A.M. is incompatible with other versions of DOS) and write the DOS files to the disk. Do not write DOS files to a disk after S.A.M. has been loaded in. These files will not function.
- Copy the programs from the S.A.M. diskette onto this new disk (Use a "O" followed by a "\*.\*" command in DOS to copy all the files; "J" duplicate disk will not work). The S.A.M. program itself will not be transferred to the new disk.
- Create a MEM.SAV file on the new disk via the "N" command in DOS and leave this disk un-write-protected.
- 4. You can now boot your S.A.M. disk. Remove it and load the new disk you have created. You are free to use DOS now to load machine language files such as RECITER via the "L" command. Just remember that in order to use DOS with S.A.M. in the system and then return to the system cartridge, there must be a MEM.SAV on the disk you are using. (See the DOS 2.OS manual for further information on the use of MEM.SAV.)

We have included a S.A.M.-and-RECITER-compatible version of the RS232C handler on the S.A.M. diskette. Binary load it from DOS exactly as you do with RECITER if you need to use the RS232 interface along with S.A.M.

### RUNNING THE DEMO PROGRAMS

Once S.A.M. is binary-loaded into the computer, you are ready to run any of the BASIC demo programs such as SAYIT, DEMO, SPEECHES, AND GUESSNUM.

### USING S.A.M. FROM ATARI BASIC

S.A.M. patches into Atari BASIC by the use of the reserved string variable named SAM\$ (easy to remember).

Two BASIC statments are all that are required to make S.A.M. speak. The following statements inserted anywhere in an Atari BASIC program will cause S.A.M. to speak the phrase "I am a computer".

100 SAM\$ = "AY4 AEM AH KUMPYUW3TER." 110 A = USR (8192)

By using Atari BASIC'S string handling capabilities, it is possible to generate the SAM\$ string from sentence fragments, data statements, text files, etc. Just make sure the SAM\$ string is DIMenstioned in your program (it can be DIMensioned no more than 255 characters long). The GUESSNUM program listed in this manual illustrates some of the techniques of using S.A.M. in BASIC.

#### SOME ADDITIONAL NOTES:

- To avoid stepping on S.A.M. with your Atari BASIC program. do not make any changes in the value of LOWMEM.
- 2. S.A.M. makes use of the "zero" sound register in the Atari (location \$D201). You may use the other three sound registers undisturbed during vocal output. S.A.M. has no effect on Atari graphics modes other than using up memory that might be needed for large programs requiring high resolution (e.g. GR.8) graphic display.
- S.A.M. disables interrupt requests and shuts down the ANTIC chip during vocal
  output. Therefore, the screen will blank out and the BREAK key will not operate
  white S.A.M. is speaking. See the Technical Notes for more details.

### **USING RECITER FROM ATARI BASIC**

To use RECITER from Atari BASIC, follow this procedure:

- Boot S.A.M. in from the S.A.M. diskette.
- Enter DOS from a disk containing MEM.SAV (see page 6 ) and RECITER.
- 3. Type "L" for Binary Load
- 4. Type "RECITER"
- You are ready to use RECITER.

Using RECITER from Atari BASIC is the same as using S.A.M. in his phonetic mode. However, this time the string SAM\$ is in plain English. Also the calling address is different.

100 SAM\$ = "I AM A COMPUTER." 110 A = USR(8199)

Use of punctuation with RECITER is discussed later, but note that a dash will be treated as a pause-making dash only if there is non-letter (not A-Z) on both sides of it. Examples: the dash in "YOU ARE A RAT-FINK" will not pause, but the dash in "HELLO JIM - THIS IN ANN" will.

# USE OF S.A.M. AND RECITER FROM MACHINE LANGUAGE

This is very similar to using S.A.M. from Atari BASIC except for one change: you must do your own string handling. A string of ATASCII characters (the same ones you would use in BASIC) is moved into locations \$2014-2113 The first character must be in \$2014 and the last character, an \$9B return character, marks the string's end. Bytes after the \$9B are not read by S.A.M. Following the string definition, a JSR \$2004 is done and S.A.M. speaks. The use of RECITER is the same except that you do a JSR \$200B instead.

#### THE RECITER PROGRAM

RECITER is an English text-to-speech program that converts ordinary text into phonemes that S.A.M. can understand. You simply supply output strings of 256 characters or less to the program. RECITER takes care of the rest.

The program uses about 450 rules to convert English into S.A.M.'s phonetic language. Included among these rules are some stress markers for situations where the stress choice in unambiguous. In addition, S.A.M.'s usual punctuation rules still operate with some additional symbols ("!", ":", and ":") being considered as periods. The net result is that even directly-translated English text has a fair amount of inflection.

RECITER also recognizes a number of special characters. Numbers are read aloud, and several others are pronounced as well. If a character is not understood by RECITER, it simply isn't passed to S.A.M.

We recommend use of RECITER (or any text-to-speech program, for that matter) only for applications where the user has no control of the text. For example, text already in a file, text received over a MODEM, and text supplied by users unfamiliar with the phonetic system. Where the highest quality speech with full inflection is desired, we urge you to use S.A.M.'s phonetic system.

Don't be discouraged, though. You will find that RECITER will do a better job of speaking from English text than other text-translator products.

### THE SAYIT PROGRAM

SAYIT is a short BASIC program that allows you to test many of S.A.M. and RECITER's features by directly inputting the string SAM\$.

If both S.A.M. and RECITER have been loaded in, you may opt for English input when running the program.

Typing "ctrl-N" will allow you to input new pitch and speed values to test these teatures. Once you have done so, the new pitch and speed will remain until you type "crtl-N" again.

#### PHONETIC INPUT TO S.A.M.

### I. THE PHONETIC SPELLING SYSTEM

S.A.M. is equipped with a version of the easy-to-learn, very readable International Phonetic Alphabet. There are about fifty phonemes which will let you spell all the words in English. Some sounds from foreign languages are not available in the system at this time.

Why use the phonetic system? There are two compelling reasons. 1.) In the phonetic system, all the words will be pronounced correctly; and 2.) You can put inflection into the speech however and wherever you want it.

If you have already tried the RECITER text-to-speech program, you know that it does a fair job of pronouncing English words. However, it does make mistakes. Some words sound a little strange and others are difficult to understand. The reasons for this are not hard to understand. English is a language of exceptions rather than rules; words that are spelled alike are pronounced differently ("have" vs. "gave"). A rule system like RECITER cannot pronounce all words correctly unless it stores an enormous dictionary that takes up vast amounts of memory. But the second flaw in text-to-speech conversion is more serious. Such a rule system cannot decide where the stress belongs in what is being said. The phonetic system in S.A.M., on the other hand, allows you to decide where to accent syllables within a word and where to stress words within a sentence.

So it is clear that the preferred way to make S.A.M. speak is with the phonetic alphabet. But how hard is it to use? It's really easier than writing in English because you don't have to know how to spell! You only have to know how to say the word in order to spell it phonetically.

Here is the complete list of phonemes, each presented with a sample word containing its sound. Note that there are many vowels, which is why they are all indicated by two letters rather than one.

The phonemes are classified into two categories: vowels and consonants. Among the vowels are the simple vowel sounds such as the "i" in "sit", the "o" in "slot", and the "a" in "hat". These vowels do not change their quality throughout their duration. There are also vowels called diphthongs such as the "i" in "site", the "o" in "slow", and the "a" in "hate", as well as the "oi" in "oil" and the "ow" in "how". These vowels start with one sound and end with another (e.g. "oi" glides from an "oh" sound to an "ee" sound).

The consonants are also divided into two groups: voiced and unvoiced. The voiced consonants require you to use your vocal chords to produce the sound. Such sounds as "b", "f", "n", and "z" sounds fall into this category. The unvoiced consonants, on the other hand, are produced entirely by rushing air and include such sounds as the "p", "t", "h", and "sh" sounds.

### PHONETIC ALPHABET FOR S.A.M.

The example words have the **sound** of the phoneme, not necessarily the same letters.

#### VOWELS

IV ee! IH oin EH bea AE Sam AA tog AH budge! AO talk OH cone UH book UX oot ER bird AX gallon IX diait

#### DIPHTHONGS

EY made
AY high
OY boy
AW how
OW slow
UW crew

The following symbols are used internally by some of S.A.M.'s rules, but they are also available to the user.

YX diphthong ending
WX diphthong ending
RX R after a vowel
LX L after a vowel
YX H before a non-front
Vowel or consonant
Vowel or consonant

#### **VOICED CONSONANTS**

red L allow w away WH whale Y VOU M Sam N man NX song В bad D doa G again J judge z **Z**00 ZH pleasure seven DH then

#### UNVOICED CONSONANTS

S Sam SH fish F fish TH thin P poke т talk K cake СН speech /H ahead

### SPECIAL PHONEMES

UL settle (= AXL)
UM astronomy (= AXM)
UN function (= AXN)
Q kitt-en (glottal stop)

Note: The symbol for the "H" sound is /H. A glottal stop is a forced stoppage of sound.

On the phoneme chart, you will notice six phonemes — YX, WX, RX, LX, /X, and DX — which are described as being used by S.A.M.'s rule system. However, they have been provided with letter codes so that you may experiment with these special sounds directly. YX and WX are weaker versions of Y and W. RX and LX are smooth gliding versions of R and L. /X is the "h" sound in "who", and DX is the quick flap of the tongue on the upper palate as in the word "pity".

We are now ready to transcribe ordinary speech into its phonetic representation. Let's use the following sentence as an example:

### I do my calculations on the computer.

The first step is to say each word aloud and decide how many syllables are in the word, a syllable has **one** vowel phoneme and its associated consonants (if any). We then identify the proper vowel phoneme by comparing its sound to the sounds listed in the table, and do the same for the consonants. The resultant combination of phonemes is the phonetic representation of the syllable. We do this for each syllable in a word.

In our example, the first word — "I" — is a single phoneme, the diphthong "AY". The next word — "do" — is a single syllable comprised of the diphthong "UW" preceded by the voiced consonant "D". The phonetic spelling is therefore "DUW", Similarly, the third word — "my" — again uses the "AY" sound, this time preceded by an "M", resulting in "MAY".

The word "calculations" has four syllables. The first syllable transcribes as "KAEL" The "c" sound is pronounced as "k". unlike the "s" pronunciation in a word like "cell" (notice there is no "C" in the phoneme table). The next syllable — "cu" — transcribes as "KYUW". Note here that the "Y" sound prevents this syllable from being pronounced as "coo". The third syllable comes out as "LEY" and the fourth becomes "SHAXNZ". This word ends with a voiced sound "Z" and not the hissy "S" sound as in "list". You will rapidly discover that many words contain the phonetic combinations "AXL", "AXM", and "AXN". To enhance the readability of the phonetic spelling the special symbols "UL", "UM", and "UN" can be substituted for these combinations. The "tions" syllable is now written as "SHUNZ". So "calculations" becomes "KAELKYUWLEYSHUNZ".

The next word "on" becomes "AAN", and "the" becomes "DHAX". By the way, if the word "the" precedes a word beginning with a vowel, it gets pronounced "thee" and is spelled "DHIY". You should also notice that the "th" letter combination has two phonetic representations: unvoiced (TH) as in "thin", or voiced (DH) as in "the".

By now, the steps used in getting from "computer" to "KUMPYUWTER" should already be obvious. Try it. Once you get used to the phonetic system, it will seem very easy and obvious. Initially, there will be some spellings that seem tricky (did you know that "adventure" has a "CH" in it?). However, the rule is always to write the word the way you say it, not the way you spell it.

To help you learn the system fast, we have provided an English-to-phonetic spelling dictionary of almost 1500 words. Many common words are in the dictionary; some unusual ones are in it as well. If you are really stuck on how to spell a word that isn't in the dictionary, think of another word that sounds like it and that one may be listed.

In any case, don't hesitate to experiment with the phonetic spelling system. Let your ears be your guide. This system is easy to learn, easy to use, easy to read, and you will be amazed at what you can do with it.

### II. ADDING STRESS TO S.A.M.'S SPEECH

In the phonetic mode, S.A.M. is capable of speaking with a great deal of inflection and emphasis. This gives a much more natural and understandable quality to the speech than is otherwise possible.

The stress system for S.A.M. is particularly easy to use. There are eight stress markers that can be used simply by inserting a number (1-8) after the vowel to be stressed. For example, the monotonic pronunciation of the word "hello" produced by the phonetic spelling "/HEHLOW" becomes a much friendlier sounding greeting when spelled "/HEH3LOW"

Why do you have to put in the stress markers? Simply because they can go anywhere and S.A.M. has no way of knowing where you want them to go. The following simple example will demonstrate this point to you. Use the SAYIT program on your S.A.M. disk to hear the following sample phrases.

We will have S.A.M. say

### "Why should I walk to the store?"

in a number of different ways.

- WAY2 SHUH7D AY WAO5K TUX DHAH STOH5R. (You want a reason to do it.)
- WAY7 SHUH2D AY WAO7K TUX DHAH STOH5R. (You are reluctant to go.)
- WAY5 SHUH7D AY2 WAO7K DHAH STOHR. IYou want someone else to do it.)
- WAY5 SHUHD AY7 WAO2K TUX7 DHAH STOHR. (You'd rather drive.)
- WAY5 SHUHD AY WAO5K TUX DHAH STOH20H7R. (You want to walk somewhere else.)

Each of these stress examples has a slightly different meaning, even though the words are all the same. Stress markers give you the ability to let S.A.M. be expressive.

What do the stress markers do? The number you type tells S.A.M. to raise (or lower) his pitch and elongate the associated vowel sound.

The number system works like this:

- 1 = very emotional stress
- 2 = very emphatic stress
- 3 = rather strong stress
- 4 = ordinary stress
- 5 = light stress
- 6 = neutral (no pitch change) stress
- 7 = pitch-dropping stress
- 8 = extreme pitch-dropping stress

When should you use each of these? It all depends on how you want S.A.M. to sound. Say the words to yourself as expressively as you can and see where your voice rises and falls. Remember, the smaller the number, the more extreme the emphasis will be. Also, the stress markers will help get difficult words pronounced correctly. If some syllable is not enunciated sufficiently, put in a neutral stress marker.

A general rule is that the most important word or words in a sentence get the most stress and the rest of the words get little or no stress. However, words of more than one syllable should have stress marked on their accented syllables (most dictionaries show which these are if you are uncertain).

We will now assign stresses to our first example sentence about doing calculations on the computer. The first word "AY" is usually an important word (can you think of anyone more important?). We will write it as "AY4", assigning ordinary stress. "DUW", the only verb, is also important. We'll try "DUW4", "MAY" isn't very strong tunless you want to draw attention to it) and it is a single syllable, so we will leave it alone. "KAELKYUWLEYSHUNZ" is polysyllabic so we must identify the accented syllables. It is also the most important word in the sentence so it will have the strongest stress. "LEY" has the primary stress and "KAEL" receives the secondary stress, so we will write "KAE4LKYUWLEY3SHUNZ". "AAN" and "DHAX" are short, unstressed words. "KUMPYUWTER" has a single accent on "PYUW" and gets written "KUMPYUW4TER". So, our original sentence gets written

### AY4 DUW4 MAY KAE4LKYUWLEY3SHUNZ AAN DHAH KUMPYUW4TER.

Try typing it into the SAYIT program compared to the unstressed version.

How about really unusual stress? When you place extraordinary emphasis on a word, you do so by elongating its vowel sounds. S.A.M. can do the same thing. For example, a call for help can become "/HEH5EH4EH3EH2EH3EH4EH5EHLP." You can always do this with the ordinary vowel sounds, but be careful with the diphthongs. They are complex sounds and if you repeat them, they will not do what you want (e.g. "OYOYOYOYOYOY" sounds just like it reads in English). To extend the diphthong sounds, you need to break them into component parts. So "OY" can be extended with "OHOHIYIYIY", and "AY" can be extended with "AAAAIYIYIY". You should experiment to find out just what you can do.

Unlike many other speech synthesis systems. S.A.M. allows you to control consonant stresses directly. This is usually done to produce a special tonal pattern in a word. Sometimes you might want a pitch rise on the final phoneme occurring just before a comma. For example, try typing: "AY4 YUWZ SAE5M3, AE4ND RIYSAY4TER." Notice how the pitch rises on the "M". It is never necessary to specify stress for a consonant occurring immediately before a stressed vowel. This is handled automatically.

Try to become familiar with the stress marker system. It makes all the difference between an ordinary speech synthesizer and the very expressive S.A.M.

### III. THE EFFECTS OF PUNCTUATION

S.A.M. understands four punctuation marks. They are the hyphen, comma, period, and question mark.

The hyphen (-) serves to mark clause boundaries by inserting a short pause in the speech. It also has other uses to be discussed later. The comma marks phrase boundaries and inserts a pause approximately double that of the hyphen. The question-mark and period mark the end of sentences. The period inserts a pause and also causes the pitch to fall. The question-mark also inserts a pause, but it causes the pitch to rise. Notice that not all questions should end with a question-mark (rising pitch), only those that require a yes-or-no answer. ("Are we hiking today?" rises: "Why are we going to the woods?" falls at the end and should be marked with a period).

### IV. FINAL NOTES ON PHONETIC INPUT

S.A.M. is capable of speaking only 2.5 seconds of speech without a break (this is the size of his "breath"). If the string to be spoken exceeds this. S.A.M. will insert short breaks every 2.5 seconds. S.A.M. always breaks at punctuation marks in anticipation of the following phrase. So, if you don't like where S.A.M. broke up a phrase, you can specify your own breaks with hypens. An example of this is: "I use the telephone - to call out of town".

S.A.M. uses the spaces between words to makes his sentence-breaking decisions. If a single word requires more than 2.5 seconds to say, S.A.M. will not be able to insert his own breaks and will therefore be unable to say the word.

In summary, the procedures outlined above may seem complex, but this is because they were presented in fine detail. In reality, the steps become automatic and you will soon be able to type in phonetics almost as fast as you can type English text.

### THE USE OF PITCH AND SPEED CONTROLS

S.A.M. is capable of speaking in a wide range of tones and at many different rates. Both pitch and speed controls are accessed by single POKES to memory locations.

The following chart shows the effects of different values in the pitch and speed registers.\*

#### PITCH

POKE PITCH, N

N=

00-20 impractical 20-30 very high 30-40 high

40-50 high normal

50-70 normal

70-80 low normal

80-90 OW

90-255 very low

default = 64

#### SPEED

POKE SPEED, M

M =

0-20 impractical very fast 20-40

40-60 fast

60-70 fast conversational 70-75 normal conversational

75-90 narrative 90-100 slow

100-225 very slow

default = 72

<sup>\*</sup>see the memory reference chart for these locations

### WHAT AM I HEARING?

In recent years, many new speech synthesizers have appeared in the marketplace. The techniques they use vary widely depending on the intended application. Most synthesizers found in consumer products, such as talking televisions or microwave ovens, use a "speech compression" technique of one sort or another. These techniques require a person to speak the needed words or entire sentences. The speech waveform is then "compressed" using a mathematical algorithm and, as a result, can then be stored in a memory chip without taking up a lot of room. The synthesizer's job is to then take this compressed speech information and expand it back into the original waveform. Some of these systems work quite well, retaining the speaker's intonation and sometimes even his or her identity. The processes used in such synthesizers differ greatly from those used in unlimited vocabulary synthesizers like S.A.M.

Let's follow the evolution of an unlimited vocabulary speech synthesizer. First, we must define the task. Simply, we want to create a system that will synthesize any English utterance. One way to begin would be to record every possible utterance on tape and just play back the right one whenever we need it. This would take up more tape or computer memory than could ever exist, so this method is obviously not too practical.

The next method might be to record all the English words and play them back in a specific order to create sentences. This is certainly practical. It would take up a large amount of memory, but it would work. However, we have lost something in this process. The words now sound disjointed because we have "spliced" the sentence together. Also, the stress or inflection pattern of the sentence is either wrong or non-existent. If we wanted an accurate stress pattern, we would need to record every word in a number of different styles, at different pitches, etc.

Such a system needs too much memory. So, let's break things down even further and try to store as little as possible in memory. Instead of storing sentences or words or even syllables, we could store phonemes. Phonemes are the atoms of spoken language, the individual speech sounds. It turns out that English has a little over forty of them. Wow — this takes up practically no memory at all! We could specify the phonemes in the order we need to create words and sentences and really have ourselves a system. So, we go and record the phonemes and play them back to say the sentence, "I am a computer." Why can we barely understand it? It seems we have broken things down a bit too far. When we chop the words down to this level and then try to reassemble them, everything that blends one sound into another is lost and the results are nothing less than horrible.

But all is not lost. Our efforts are not wasted because we have the acoustic-phonetician to come to our rescue. These people deal in the study of speech sounds and they can tell us just how to repair our phoneme-based system. First, instead of recording the actual speech waveform, we only store the frequency spectrums. By doing this, we save memory and pick up other advantages. Second, we learn that we need to store some data about timing. These are numbers pertaining to the duration of each phoneme under different circumstances, and also some data on transition times so we can know how to blend a phoneme into its neighbors. Third, we devise a system of rules to deal with all this data and, much to our amazement, our computer is babbling in no time.

The advantages in synthesizing speech in this way are tremendous. We use very little memory for all the data and the rules to use that data, and we also gain the ability to specify inflection, timing, and intonation. This is because we have not stored actual speech sounds, only their spectrums. (You can think of this as a printer needing only four colors of ink to reproduce all the colors in a picture.)

Now, in actuality, we do not store all the spectrums, but only those that are targets. Each phoneme has associated with it a target spectrum which can be specified with very little data. The target may be thought of as a "frozen" speech sound, the sound you would be making if your mouth was frozen exactly in the middle of pronouncing the phoneme. The timing rules tell the synthesizer how to move from target to target in a manner that imitates the timing of a human talker.

S.A.M. is this type of synthesizer implemented entirely in software. It has the tables of phoneme spectra and timing, together with the rules for using this data to blend the sounds together into any English utterance we may have in mind. We have traded some quality from the method using all the recorded words, but what we have gained is versatility, practicality, and the ability to do it all in real time, with very little memory usage, on an inexpensive microcomputer.

### **ENGLISH-TO-PHONETIC SPELLING DICTIONARY**

- A -

abandon = AHBAE4NDUN ability = AHBIH4LIXTIY

able = EY4BUL

abort = AHBOH4RT

about = AHBAW4T above = AHBAH4V

absolute = AE5BSOHLUW4T

abuse = AHBYUW4S

accelerate = EHKSEH4LEREYT

accent = AE4KSEHNT accept = AEKSEH4PT access = AE4KSEHS

accident = AE4KSIXDEHNT

account = AHKAW4NT

acknowledge = EHKNAA4LIHJ

action = AE4KSHUN active = AE4KTIHV address = AE4DREHS adjust = AHJAH4ST adult = AHDAH4LT

advance = EHDVAE4NS

adventure = AEDVEH4NCHER

affair = AHFEY4R afford = AHFOH4RD after = AE4FTER age = EY4J

agree = AHGRIY4

air = EH4R

airplane = EH4RPLEYN alarm = AHLAA4RM

algebra = AE4LJAXBRAH

alien = EY4LIYIXN allow = AHLAW4 alone = AHLOW4N along = AHLAO4NX

alphabet = AE4LFAXBEHT alternate = AO4LTERNIXT America = AHMEH4RIXKAH

among = AHMAH4NX

analysis = AHNAE4LIXSIXS

and = AE4ND

anger = AE4NXGER announce = AHNAW4NS answer = AE4NSER

antenna = AENTEH4NAH anticipate = AENTIH4SIXPEYT

apology = AHPAA4LAXJIY

appear = AHPIY4R apple = AE4PUL

appropriate = AHPROH4PRIYIXT

approve = AHPRUW4V area = EH4RIYAH

arm = AA4RM arrive = AHRAY4V

ask = AE4SK

assumption = AHSAH4MPSHUN astronomy = AHSTRAA4NUMIY

Atari = AHTAA4RIY atom = AE4TUM attack = AHTAE4K audio = AO4DIYOW

authority = AHTHOH4RIXTIY automatic = AO5TUMAE4TIXK auxiliary = AOKZIH4LYERIY available = AHVEH4LAXBUL

- B -

baby = BEY4BIY

back = BAE4K

bad = BAE4D

balance = BAE4LIXNS

bank = BAE4NXK

bargain = BAA4RGUN

base = BEY4S basic = BEY4SIHK

battle = BAE4TUL

beam = BIY4M

beautiful = BYUW4TIXFUHL

behave = BIY/HEY4V belief = BIXLIY4F

beneficial = BEH4NAXFIH4SHUL

betray = BIYTREY4 better = BEH4TER bible = BAY4BUL

bibliography = BIH5BLIYAA4GRAXFIY

bicycle = BAY4SIXKUL billion = BIH4LYUN binary = BAY4NEHRIY

bite = BAY4T
black = BAE4K
blast = BLAE4ST
block = BLAA4K
blood = BLAH4D
board = BOH4RD
bomb = BAA4M
book = BUH4K
boot = BUW4T
boss = BAO4S
bottle = BAA4TUL

box = BAA4KS

bottom = BAA4TUM

boy = BOY4brain = BREY4N branch = BRAE4NCH break = BREY4K brief = BRIY4Fbring = BRIH4NXbroken = BROW4KIXNbrother = BRAH4DHER budget = BAH4JIXTbuffer = BAH4FER bug = BAH4Gbureau = BYER4OW burglar = BER4GULER bus = BAH4S business = BIH4ZNIXS busy = BIH4ZIYby = BAY4byte = BAY4T

cabinet = KAE4BUNIXT

- C -

cable = KEY4BUL calculate = KAE4LKYAXLEYT calendar = KAE4LUNDER call = KAO4L calorie = KAE4LERIY cancel = KAE4NSUL candy = KAE4NDIY can't = KAE4NTcapacity = KAXPAE4SIXTIY captain = KAE4PTIXN capture = KAE4PCHER card = KAA4RDcareful = KEH4RFUHL carry = KEH4RIYcartridge = KAA4RTRIXJ case = KEY4S cashier = KAE4SHIY4R cassette = KAXSEH4T catalog = KAE4TULAOG celebrate = SEH4LAXBREYT celestial = SULEH4SCHIYUL Celsius = SEH4LSIYAXS center = SEH4NTER certain = SER4TQN challenge = CHAE4LIXNJ change = CHEY4NJ channel = CHAE4NUL chapter = CHAE4PTER charge = CHAA4RJ chauvenism = SHOH4VIXNIHZUM

cheap = CHIY4P cheese = CHIY4Z child = CHAY4LD children = CHIH4LDRIXN chocolate = CHAO4KLIXT choreography = KOH5RIYAA4GRAXFIY Christmas = KRIH4SMAXS church = CHER4CH cinema = SIH4NUMAH circle = SER4KUL circuit = SER4KIXT circumstance = SER4KUMSTAENS citizen = SIH4TIXSUN city = SIH4TIYclassify = KLAE4SIXFAY clear = KLIY4R close = KLOW4Z coaxial = KOHAE4KSIYUL coffee = KAO4FIY coherent = KOW/HEH4RIXNT cold = KOW4LDcollege = KAA4LIXJ color = KAH4LER comfortable = KAH4MFTERBUL command = KUMAE4ND common = KAA4MUN company = KAHM4PUNIY complain = KUMPLEY4N complex = KUMPLEH4KS component = KAHMPOH4NUNT computer = KUMPYUW4TER condition = KUNDIH4SHUN conscience = KAA4NSHUNTS console = KAA4NSOHL control = KUNTROH4L conversation = KAA5NVERSEY4SHUN coordinate = KOHWOH4DUNIXT corporation = KOH5RPEREY4SHUN correction = KOHREH4KSHUN count = KAW4NTcountry = KAH4NTRIY cousin = KAH4ZIXN create = KRIYEY4T critical = KRIH4TIXKUL culture = KAH4LCHER curious = KYUH4RIYAXS

- D -

danger = DEY4NJER data = DEY4TAH decay = DIXKEY4

- F -

face = FEY4S

decide = DIXSAY4D decibel = DEH4SIXBUL decrease = DIYKRIY4S definition = DEH5FUNIH4SHUN degree = DIXGRIY4 delay = DIXLEY4demonstrate = DEH4MUNSTREYT department = DIYPAA4RTMIXNT desire = DIXZAY4ER develop = DIXVEH4LAHP dictionary = DIH4KSHUNEHRIY different = DIH4FRIXNT discount = DIH4SKAWNT distance = DIH4STIXNS distribution = DIH5STRAXBYUW4SHUN division = DIXVIH4ZHUN doctor = DAA4KTER double = DAH4BUL down = DAW4Ndrive = DRAY4V dungeon = DAH4NJUN

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earth = ER4TH easy = IY4ZIYeconomics = IY5KUNAA4MIXKS education = EH5JUWKEY4SHUN either = IY4DHER eject = IXJEH4KT electricity = ULEHKTRIH4SIXTIY electronic = ULEHKTRAA4NIXK elementary = EH4LUMEH4NTRIY emphasis = EH4MFAXSIHS encyclopedia=EHNSAY5KLAXPIY4DIYAH energy = EH4NERJIYengineering = EH5NJUNIY4RIHNX enter = EH4NTERenunciate = IYNAH4NSIYEYT equal = IY4KWUL erase = IXREY4S error = EH4ROHR escape = EHSKEY4P estimate = EH4STUMIXT Europe = YUH4RAXPevil = IY4VULexciting = EHKSAY4TIHNX explain = EHKSPLEY4N expression = EHKSPREH4SHUN extra = EH4KSTRAH

fail = FEY4LFahrenheit = FEH4RIXN/HAYT false = FAO4LSfamily = FAE4MULIY fast = FAE4STfatal = FEY4TUL father = FAA4DHER fault = FAO4LTfemale = FIY4MEYLfight = FAY4Tfigure = FIH4GYER file = FAY4Lfilter = FIH4LTER6 finance = FAY4NAENS find = FAY4ND finger = FIH4NXGER finish = FIH4NIXSH fire = FAY4ER first = FER4STflavor = FLEY4VERflight = FLAY4Tflow chart = FLOW4CHAART flower = FLAW4ER fluorescent = FLUHREH4SIXNT focus = FOW4KAXS follow = FAA4LOWfoot = FUH5Tforce = FOH4RSformula = FOH4RMYUXLAH forward = FOH4RWERD fraction = FRAE4KSHUN fragile = FRAE4JUL freedom = FRIY4DUM frequency = FRIY4KWUNSIY from = FRAH4Mfuel = FYUW4Lfull = FUH4Lfunction = FAH4NXKSHUN fundamental = FAH5NDUMEH4NTUL fuse = FYUW4Zfusion = FYUWSZHUN future = FYUW4CHER

- G -

gain = GEY4N galaxy = GAE4LAXKSIY game = GEY4M garbage = GAA4RBIXJ gasoline = GAE4SULIYN gate = GEY4T general = JEH4NERUL generate = JEH4NEREYT genius = JIY4NYAXS gentle = JEH4NTUL genuine = JEH4NUYXIXN geometry = JIYAA4MIXTRIY get = GEH4T giant = JAY4IXNT aift = GIH4FTglass = GLAE4S gnome = NOW4M qo = GOW4gold = GOH4LD good = GUH4D gourmet = GUHRMEY4 government = GAH4VERNMEHNT grand = GRAE4ND graphic = GRAE4FIXK gravity = GRAE4VIXTIY ground = GRAW4ND guarantee = GAE4RIXNTIY4 quide = GAY4D gun = GAH4Ngyroscope = JAY4RAXSKOWP

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habit = /HAE4BIXThacker = /HAE4KER hair = /HEH4R half = /HAE4F hallucination = /HULUW4SIXNEY5SHUN hand = /HAE4ND happy = /HAE4PIYhardware = /HAA4RDWEHR harmony = /HAA4RMUNIY have = /HAE4V head = /HEH4D heart = /HAA4RT helicopter = /HEH4LIXKAAPTER hello = /HEH4LOW here/ = HIY4R hero = /HIY4ROW herta = /HER4TS hesitate = /HEH4ZIXTEY6T hexadecimal = /HEH5KSIXDEH4SUMUL high = /HAY4history = /HIH4STERIY hobby = /HAA4BIY hold = /HOW4LD

home = /HOW4M
honest = AA4NIXST
horoscope = /HOH4RAXSKOWP
hospital = /HAA4SPIXTUL
hour = AW4ER
house = /HAW4S
however = /HAWEH4VER
huge = /HYUW4J
human = /HYUW4MUN
humor = /HUYW4MER
husband = /HAH4ZBUND
hyper = /HAY4PER
hypothesis = /HAYPAA4THAXSIHS

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I = AY4ice = AY4S idea = AYDIY4AX identical = AYDEH4NTIXKUL identity = AYDEH4NTIXTIY illusion = IHLUX4ZHUN image = IH4MIXJ imagination = IHMAE4JIXNEY5SHUN immobilize = IXMOH4BULAYZ important = IHMPOH4RTUNT in = IH4Ninch = IHN4CH included = IHNKLUX4DIXD income = IH4NKUM inconvenient = IHN5KUNVIY4NYUNT increase = IHNKRIY4S indeed = IHNDIY4D index = IH4NDEHKS indicate = IH4NDIXKEYT indirect = IH5NDEREH4KT individual = IH5NDIXVIH4JUWUL industry = IH4NDAHSTRIY inferior = IHNFIH4RIYER inflation = IHNFLEY4SHUN influence = IH4NFLUWIXNS information = IH5NFERMEY4SHUN -ing = IHNXinject = IHNJEH4KTinjure = IH4NJER initial = IXNIH4SHUL inside = IHNSAY4D inspect = IHNSPEH4KT insulator = IH4NSULEYTER integer = IH4NTIXJER intelligent = IHNTEH4LIXJIXNT interest = IH4NTREHST

interference = IH4NTERFIY4RIXNS intermittent = IH4NTERMIH4TNNT invader = IHNVEY4DER invent = IHNVEH4NT inverse = IH4NVERS involve = IHNVAA4LV iron = AY4ERN irrational = IHRAE4SHUNUL isolate = AY4SULEYT issue = IH4SHUW item = AY4TUM

- J -

iacket = JAE4KIXT iam = JAE4M jargon = JAA4RGUN iazz = JAE4Ziiffy = JIH4FIYiob = JAA4B ioin = JOY4N joke = JOW4K iudge = JAH4J jump = JAH4MPjunction = JAH4NXKSHUN junior = JUW4NYER iust = JAH4STiail = JEY4L iewelry = JUW4LRIY journey = JER4NIY jungle = JAH4NXGUL junk = JAH4NXK

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keep = KIY4P
key = KIY4
keyboard = KIY4BOHRD
kilobyte = KIH4LAXBAYT
kind = KAY4ND
kingdom = KIH4NXGDUM
knight = NAY4T
knowledge = NAA4LIXJ

- L -

label = LEY4BUL lady = LEY4DIY language = LAE4NXGWIXJ large = LAA4RJ laser = LEY4ZER last = LAE4ST

late = LEY4T laugh = LAE4F launch = LAO4NCH law = LAO4layer = LEY4ER lead = LIY4D lease = LIY4S lecture = LEH4KCHER left = LEH4FT legal = LIY4GUL legend = LEH4JIXND leisure = LIY4ZHER lenath = LEH4NTHletter = LEH4TER level = LEH4VUL liberal = LIH4BERUL life = LAY4Flift = LIH4FTlight = LAY4Tlike = LAY4K limit = LIH4MIXTlinear = LIH4NIYER liquid = LIH4KWIXD list = LIH4STlisten = LIH4SIXN literature = LIH4TERIXCHER little = LIH4TUL load = LOW4Dlocal = LOW4KUL location = LOWKEY4SHUN lock = LAA4K logarithm = LAO4GERIH5DHUM logical = LAA4JIHKUL long = LAO4NXlook = LUH4K loop = LUW4Plose = LOW4Zlove = LAH4Vlow = LOW4loyal = LOY4UL luminescence = LUW4MIXNEH5SIXNS lunatic = LUW4NAXTIH6K luxury = LAH4GZHERIY

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machine = MAXSHIY4N madam = MAE4DUM made = MEY4D magazine = MAEGAXZIY4N magic = MAE4JIHK magnet = MAE4GNIXT magnitude = MAE4GNIHTUX5D mail = MEY4L main = MEY4Nmajor = MEY4JER make = MEY4K malfunction = MAE5LFAH4NXKSHUN man = MAE4Nmanager = MAE4NIXJER maneuver = MUNUW4VER manipulate = MUNIH4PYUHLEYT manual = MAE4NYUWUL manufacture = MAE5NUYXFAE4KCHER many = MEH4NIY marginal = MAA4RJIXNUL market = MAA4RKIXT marriage = MEH4RIXJ mass = MAE4S master = MAE4STER mate = MEY4Tmaterial = MAXTIH4RIYUL mathematics = MAE4THUMAE5TIXKS mature = MAXCHUX4R maximum = MAE4KSIXMUM may = MEY4meaning = MUY4NIHNX measure = MEH4ZHER mechanical = MIXKAE4NIHKUL mechanism = MEH4KUNIHZUM media = MIY4DIYAH medical = MEH4DIXKUL medium = MIY4DIYUM member = MEH4MBER memory = MEH4MERIY mental = MEH4NTUL menu = MEH4NYUW merchandise = MER4CHUNDAY5S merge = MER4Jmetal = MEH4TUL meter = MIY4TER method = MEH4THIXD micro = MAY4KROW6 middle = MIH4DUL might = MAY4Tmile = MAY4L military = MIH4LIXTEH6RIY million = MIH4LYUN mind = MAY4NDmineral = MIH4NERUL miniature = MIH4NIYAXCHER minimum = MIH4NIXMUM minus = MAY4NIXS miracle = MIH4RIXKUL

miscellaneous = MIH5SULEY4NIYAXS missile = MIH4SUL mister = MIH4STERmixture = MIH4KSCHERmnemonic = NIXMAA4NIXK model = MAA4DUL modulation = MAA4JULEY5SHUN molecule = MAA4LIXKYUWL moment = MOH4MIXNT money = MAH4NIY monitor = MAA4NIXTER monolithic = MAANULIH4THIXK monotone = MAA4NAXTOW6N month = MAH4NTHmoon = MUW4Nmorning = MOH4RNIHNX most = MOW4STmother = MAH4DHER motion = MOW4SHUN motor = MOW4TERmouth = MAW4THmove = MUW4V much = MAH4CH multiply = MAH4LTIX6PLAY murder = MER4DER muscle = MAH4SUL music = MYUW4ZIXK must = MAH4STmy = MAY4myself = MAYSEH4LF mystery = MIH4STERIY

- N -

naive = NAY5IY4V name = NEY4M narrate = NAE4REYT narrow = NAE4ROW natural = NAE4CHERUL nature = NEY4CHER navigate = NAE4VIXGEYT near = NIY4R need = NIY4D negative = NEH5GAXTIH6V negotiate = NIXGOW4SHIYEYT neighborhood = NEY4BER/HUH6D nerve = NER4V neutral = NUX4TRUL news = NUW4Z nice = NAY4S night = NAY4Tnoise = NOY4Z

nomenclature = NOH4MIXNKLEY6CHER
none = NAH4N
normal = NOH4RMUL
north = NOH4RTH
nose = NOW4Z
notation = NOHTEY4SHUN
notice = NOW4TIXS
nothing = NAH4THIHNX
now = NAW4
nuclear = NUX4KLIYER
number = NAH4MBER

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object = AA4BJEHKT obligation = AA5BLIXGEY4SHUN observe = AXBZER4V obvious = AA4BVIYAXS occational = AHKEY4ZHUNUL occupation = AA5KYUXPEY4SHUN ocean = OW4SHUN odd = AA4Dof = AH4Voff = AO4Foffer = AO4FER office = AO4FIXS official = AHFIH4SHUL ogre = OW4GER ohm = OW4Moil = OY4LO.K. = OW4KEYold = OW4LDomen = OW4MUN on = AA4Nopen = OW4PUN operate = AA4PEREYT opinion = AHPIH4NYUN oppose = AHPOW4Zopposite = AA4PAXSIHT option = AA4PSHUN orbit = OH4RBIHTorchestra = OH4RKEHSTRAH order = OH4RDER ordinary = OH4RDIXNEHRIY organize = OH4GUNAYZ origin = OH4RIXJIXNoscillation = AA5SULEY4SHUN other = AH4DHERought = AO4Tout = AW4Toutlet = AW4TLEHT output = AW4TPUHT

outside = AWTSAY4D over = OW4VER own = OW4N oxygen = AA4KSAXJIXN

- P -

pack = PAEPAE4K package = PAE4KIXJ page = PEY4J paint = PEY4NT pair = PEH4R palace = PAE4LIXS panel = PAE4NUL paper = PEY4PER parabola = PERAE4BULAH paradox = PAE4RAXDAA6KSparallel = PAE4RULEH6L paragraph = PAE4RAXGRAEF pardon = PAA4RDUN parent = PEH4RUNT parity = PAE4RIXTIYpark = PAA4RK part = PAA4RT particle = PAA4RTIXKUL particular = PAARTIH4KYUHLER pass = PAE4S patch = PAE4TCH pathetic = PAHTHEH4TIXK pattern = PAE4TERN pause = PAO4Z pay = PEY4payroll = PEY4ROW6L peculiar = PIXKYUW4LYER penalty = PEH4NULTIY4 penetrate = PEH4NAXTREY6T perception = PERSEH4PSHUN perfect = PER4FIXKT period = PIH4RIYIXD permanent = PER4MUNIXNT permission = PERMIH4SHUN person = PER4SUN personality = PER4SUNAE5LIX1 perspective = PERSPEH4KTIXV pet = PEH4T phantom = FAE4NTUM phase = FEY4Z phenomenon = FUNAA4MIXNU philosophy = FULAA4SAHFIY phoneme = FOW4NIYM photo = FOW4TOW physical = FIH4ZIXKUL

physics = FIH4ZIXKS piano = PYAE4NOW pick = PIH4K picture = PIH4KCHER pilot = PAY4LIXTpin = PIH4Npirate = PAY4RIXTpistol = PIH4STUL pitch = PIH4TCH pity = PIH4TIYplace = PLEY4S plan = PLAE4Nplanet = PLAE4NIXTplastic = PLAE4STIXK plausible = PLAO4ZAXBUL play = PLEY4please = PLIY4Z pleasure = PLEH4ZHER plectrum = PLEH4KTRUM plenty = PLEH4NTIY plot = PLAA4Tplug = PLAH4G plus = PLAH4S poetry = POW4IXTRIY point = POY4NT poke = POW4K police = PULIY4S policy = PAA4LIXSIY polynomial = PAA5LIXNOH4MIYUL pop = PAA + Ppopular = PAA4PYULER population = PAA4PYULEY4SHUN port = POH4RTportable = POH4RTAXBUL positive = PAA4ZIXTIX6V position = PAXZIH4SHUN power = PAW4ERpractice = PRAE4KTIHS precise = PRIXSAY4S prefer = PRIXFER4 prelimianry = PREIXLIH4MIXNEHRIY prepare = PRIXPEH4R present = PREH4ZIXNT press = PREH4S pressure = PREH4SHER prevent = PRIXVEH4NT primary = PRAY4MEHRIY primitive = PRIH4MIXTIX6V prince = PRIH4NS princess = PRIH4NSEHS print = PRIH4NTprivate = PRAY4VIXT

probably = PRAA4BAXBLIY problem = PRAA4BLUM proceed = PROHSIY4D process = PRAA4SEHS produce = PRAXDUW4S professional = PRAXFEH4SHUNUL professor = PRAHFEH4SER profit = PRAA4FIXTprogram = PROW4GRAEMproject = PRAA4JEHKT promise = PRAA4MIHS pronounce = PRUNAW4NS proper = PRAA4PER proportional = PRAXPOH4RSHUNUL protect = PRAXTEH4KT proud = PRAW4Dpsychiatrist = SAYKAY4AXTRIX6ST public = PAH4BLIXK publish = PAH4BLIHSH pull = PUH4L pulse = PAH4LS pure = PYUW4R push = PUH4SH put = PUH4T

- Q -

quality = KWAA4LIXTIY
quantity = KWAA4NTIXTIY
question = KWEH4SCHUN
quick = KWIH4K
quiet = KWAY4IXT
quit = KWIH4T
quiz = KWIH4Z
quote = KWOW4T
quotient = KWOW4SHUNT

- R -

race = REY4S
radar = REY4DAAR
radiation = REY5DIYEY4SHUN
radio = REY4DIYOW
radius = REY4DIYAHS
rain = REY4N
random = RAE4NDUM
range = REY4NJ
rare = REH4R
rate = REY4T
rather = RAE4DHER
ratio = REY4SHIYOW
reach = RIY4CH

reaction = RIYAE4KSHUN read = RIY4D realistic = RIY5LIH4STIXK reason = RIY4ZUN receive = RIXSIY4V reciter = RIXSAY4TER recognize = REH4KAXGNAYZ recommend = REH5KUMEH4ND record = REH4KERD recover = RIYKAH4VER rectangle = REH4KTAENXGUL reduce = RIXDUW4S refer = RIYFER4 reference = REH4FERIXNS reflection = RIXFLEH4KSHUN refrigerator = RIXFRIH4JEREYTER region = RIY4JUN register = REH4JIXSTER regular = REH4GYUXLER reject = RIXJEH4KT relativity = REH5LAXTIH4VIXTIY relax = RIXLAE4KS relay = RIY4LEY release = RIXLIY4S relief = RIYLIY4F religion = RIXLUH4JUN remain = RIYMEY4N remember = RIXMEH4MBER remove = RIYMUX4V rent = REH4NT repeat = RIXPIY4T replace = RIXPLEY4S reply = RIXPLAY4 report = RIXPOH4RT represent = REHPRIXZEH4NT reproduction = RIY5PRAXDAH4KSHUN republic = RIXPAH4BLIXK rescue = REH4SKYUW research = RIY4SERCH reserve = RIXZER4V resistance = RIXZIH4STUNS respect = RIXSPEH4KTresponse = RIXSPAA4NS rest = REH4ST restore = RIXSTOH4R retail = RIY4TEY6L return = RIXTER4N reverse = RIXVER4S review = RIXVYUW4 revolution = REH5VULUXWSHUN rhapsody = RAE4PSAXDIYrhythm = RIH4DHUM

rich = RIH4CH ride = RAY4Dridiculous = RIXDIH4KYULAXS right = RAY4Trigid = RIH4JIXDring = RIH4NXrise = RAY4Zriver = RIH4VER road = ROW4D rocket = RAA4KIXT roll = ROH4Lroom = RUW4M rough = RAH4Fround = RAW4NDrubber = RAH4BER rule = RUW4L run = RAH4N rush = RAH4SH

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sabotage = SAE5BAXTAA6ZH sacrifice = SAE4KRIXFAYS sad = SAE4Dsafe = SEY4F safety = SEY4FTIY saint = SEY4NT sale = SEY4L S.A.M. = SAE4Msame = SEY4M sample = SAE4MPUL sanctuary = SAE4NXKCHUWEH6RIY sandwich = SAE4NWIXCH sarcasm = SAA4RKAEZUM satisfaction = SAE4TIXSFAE4KSHUN savage = SAE4VIXJ save = SEY4V sav = SEY4scale = SKEY4L scandal = SKAE4NDUL scarce = SKEY4RS scatter = SKAE4TER scenic = SIY4NIXK schedule = SKEH4JYUWL scheme = SKIY4M scholar = SKAA4LER school = SKUW4L science = SAY4IHNS scientific = SAY4UNTIH5FIXK scientific = SAY4AXNTIH5FIXK scissors = SIH4ZERZ score = SKOH4R

should = SHUH4D scramble = SKRAE4MBUL show = SHOW4 scratch = SKRAE4CH shy = SHAY4 scream = SKRIY4M sick = SIH4K screw = SKRUW4 side = SAY4Dscript = SKRIH4PT sight = SAY4Tscroll = SKROW4L sign = SAY4Nseal = SIY4L signal = SIH4GNUL search = SER4CH silent = SAY4LIXNT season = SIY4ZUN silver = SIH4LVER second = SEH4KUND similar = SIH4MULER secret = SIY4KRIXT simple = SIH4MPUL secretary = SEH4KRIXTEH5RIY simplicity = SIHMPLIH4SIXTIY section = SEH4KSHUN simulator = SIH4MYULEYTER security = SIXKYUH4RIXTIY sin = SIH4Nsee = SIY4 single = SIH4NXGUL seek = SIY4K sinister = SIH4NIXSTER segment = SEH4GMIXNT sir = SER4self = SEH4LF siren = SAY4RIXN sell = SEH4L sit = SIH4Tsemi- = SEH4MIY situation = SIH5CHUWEY4SHUN send = SEH4ND skeptical = SKEH4PTIXKUL sensation = SEHNSEY4SHUN sketch = SKEH4TCH senior = SIY4NYER skill = SKIH4L sense = SEH4NS skip = SKIH4P sensible = SEH4NSIXBUL slang = SLAE4NX sensitive = SEH4NSIXTIX6V sleep = SLIY4P sentence = SEH4NTIXNS sleeve = SLIY4V separate = SEH4PERIXT slip = SLIH4P sequence = SIY4KWEHNS slot = SLAA4T serial = SIH4RIYUL slow = SLOW4 serious = SIH4RIYAHS small = SMAO4L serve = SER4V smart = SMAA4RT service = SER4VIXS smell = SMEH4L session = SEH4SHUN smooth = SMUW4DHset = SEH4T snap = SNAE4P settle = SEH4TUL so = SOW4 several = SEH4VERUL social = SOW4SHUL sex = SEH4KS society = SAXSAY4IXTIY shadow = SHAE4DOW soft = SAO4FTshake = SHEY4K solar = SOW4LER shame = SHEY4M soldier = SOH4LJER shape = SHEY4P solemn = SAA4LUM share = SHEY4R solid = SAA4LIXD sharp = SHAA4RP solitude = SAA4LIXTUW6D she = SHIY4 solution = SULUW4SHUN sheet = SHIY4T some = SAH4M shield = SHIY4LD somebody = SAH4MBAADIY shift = SHIH4FT song = SAO4NX shock = SHAA4K soon = SUW4N shoot = SHUW4T sophisticated = SAXFIH4STIXKEYTIXD shop = SHAA4P sorry = SAA4RIY short = SHOH4RT

sort = SOH4RTstrategy = STRAE4TIXJIY sound = SAW4ND street = STRIY4Tsouth = SAW4TH strength = STREY4NTH space = SPEY4S strike = STRAY4K spare = SPEY4R strong = STRAO4NXspatial = SPEY4SHUL structure = STRAH4KCHER speak = SPIY4K stubborn = STAH4BERNspecial = SPEH4SHUL student = STUW4DIXNTspecific = SPAXSIH4FIXK study = STAH4DIYspeculate = SPEH4KYULEYT stuff = STAH4Fspeech = SPIY4CH stupid = STUX4PIXDspeed = SPIY4D style = STAY4L spell = SPEH4L subject = SAH4BJEHKT spend = SPEH4ND substance = SAH4BSTIXNS sphere = SFIY4R subtle = SAH4TUL spin = SPIH4N succession = SAHKSEH4SHUN spiral = SPAY4RUL succeed = SAHKSIY4D spirit = SPIH4RIXT such = SAH4CH splendid = SPLEH4NDIXD sudden = SAH4DIXN split = SPLIH4T suggest = SAHGJEH4STspoil = SPOY4L sum = SAH4M spontaneous = SPAANTEY4NIYAHS summer = SAH4MER sports = SPOH4RTS sun = SAH4N spot = SPAA4Tsuper = SUX4PERspread = SPREH4D superb = SUXPER4B spring = SPRIH4NXsuperior = SUXPIH4RIYER spy = SPAY4supply = SAXPLAY4square = SKWEH4Rsupport = SAXPOH4RT squeeze = SKWIY4Z sure = SHUX4Rstability = STAXBIH4LIXTIY surprise = SERPRAY4Z staff = STAE4Fsurroundings = SERAW4NDIHNXGZstand = STAE4ND suspend = SAHSPEH4ND standard = STAE4NDERD swear = SWEH4R star = STAA4Rsweep = SWIY4P start = STAA4RTswell = SWEH4L state = STEY4T swing = SWIH4NX static = STAE4TIXK syllable = SIH4LAXBUL station = STEY4SHUN symbol = SIH4MBUL stay = STEY4symbolic = SIHMBAA4LIXK steady = STEH4DIY symmetric = SIHMEH4TRIXK steer = STIY4R sympathy = SIH4MPAXTHIYstep = STEH4Psynchronize = SIH4NXKRAX5NAYZ stereo = STEH4RIYOW synonym = SIH4NUNIXM stick = STIH4K system = SIH4STUM stimualte = STIH4MYULEYTsynthesizer = SIH4NTHAXSAYZER stock = STAA4K stone = STOW4N - T stop = STAA4P store = STOH4Rtab = TAE4Bstory = STOH4RIY table = TEY4BUL straight = STREY4Ttactical = TAE4KTIXKUL

tail = TEY4L

strange = STREY4NJ

title = TAY4TUL take = TEY4K together = TUXGEH4DHER talent = TAE4LIX6NT tolerance = TAA4LERIXNS tall = TAO4L tone = TOW4N talk = TAO4Ktool = TUW4L tap = TAE4Ptop = TAA4P tape = TEY4Ptoss = TAO4S target = TAA4RGIXT touch = TAH4CH task = TEY4STtough = TAH4F tax = TAE4KStournament = TER4NUMIXNT teach = TIY4CH toward = TOH4RD team = TIY4M toward = TOW4RD technical = TEH4KNIXKUL town = TAW4N technology = TEHKNAA4LAXJIY telephone = TEH4LAX6FOWN tov = TOY4television = TEH4LAX6VIXZHUN trace = TREY4S track = TRAE4K temper = TEH4MPER trade = TREY4D tender = TEH4NDER tradition = TRAXDIH4SHUN tense = TEH4NS tension = TEH4NSHUN traffic = TRAE4FIXK trail = TREY4L term = TER4M trajectory = TRAXJEH4KTERY terminal = TER4MIXNUL transaction = TRAENZAE4KSHUN terrestrial = TER6EH4STRIY6UL transfer = TRAE4NSFER terrible = TEH4RAXBUL transform = TRAENSFOH4RM territory = TEH4RAXTOH6RIY transistor = TRAENZIH4STER terror = TEH4RER6 translate = TRAE4NZLEYT test = TEH4ST transmit = TRAE4NZMIXT testimony = TEH4STUMOHNIY transparent = TRAE5NSPEH4RIXNT text = TEH4KSTtransportation = TRAE5NZPOHRTEY4SHUN than = DHAE4N trap = TRAE4Pthan = DHAE4N thank = THAE4NXK treasury = TREH4ZHERIY that = DHAE4T tree = TRIY4 the = DHAH4 trek = TREH4K tremendous = TRIXMEH4NDAXS theater = THIY4AHTER trespass = TREH4SPAES then = DHEH4N theorem = THIY4RUM trial = TRAY4UL tr.angle = TRAY4AENXGUL theory = THIY4RIY thermometer = THERMAA4MIXTER trick = TRIH4K tr gger = TRIH4GER thesis = THIY4SIXS trim = TRIH4M they = DHEY4 trip = TRIH4P thin = THIH4N triple = TRIH4PUL thing = THIH4NXtriumph = TRAY4AHMF think = THIH4NXKtroll = TROW4L this = DHIH4S trophy = TROW4FIY thought = THAO4Tthreshold = THREH4SH/HOWLD trouble = TRAH4BUL truck = TRAH4K through = THRUW4 ticket = TIH4KIXT true = TRUW4 truth = TRUW4TH tight = TAY4Ttry = TRAY4time = TAY4Mtune = TUW4N tiny = TAY4NIYtired = TAY4ERD tunnel = TAH4NUL

turn = TER4N tutor = TUW4TER twist = TWIH4ST type = TAY4P typewriter = TAY4PRAYTER

#### - U -

ugly = AH4GLIY
ultimate = AH4LTAX6MIXT
uncle = AH4NKUL
under = AH4NDER
understand = AH5NDERSTAE4ND
uniform = YUW4NIXFOHRM
union = YUW4NIXT
universal = YUW5NIXVER4SUL
unless = AHNLEH4S
up = AH4P
upset = AHPSEH4T
urge = EH4RJ
use = YUW4S
utility = YUWTIH4LIXTIY

#### - V -

vacation = VEYKEY4SHUN vacuum = VAE4KYUWM vague = VEY4G valid = VAE4LIXD value = VAE4LYUW valve = VAE4LV vanadium = VUNEY4DIYUM vapor = VEY4PER variation = VEH5RIYEY4SHUN various = VEH4RIYAHS vary = VEH4RIYveal = VIY4L vector = VEH4KTER vegetable = VEH4JTAXBUL vehicle = VIY4IX6KUL ventilate = VEH4NTULEYT verb = VER4B versatile = VER4SAXTUL verse = VER4S version = VER4ZHUN vertical = VER4TIXKUL very = VEH4RIY veto = VIY4TOW vibration = VAYBREY4SHUN vicinity = VAXSIH4NIXTIY victory = VIH4KTERIY

video = VIH4DIYOW village = VIH4LIXJ vinyl = VAY4NUL violation = VAY4AXLEY5SHUN virtue = VER4CHUW visible = VIH4ZIXBUL visit = VIH4ZIXTvital = VAY4TUL vocabulary = VOHKAE4BYULEHRIY vocal = VOW4KUL voice = VOY4S volt = VOW4LTvolume = VAA4LYUWM voluntary = VAA4LUNTEH5RIY vote = VOW4T vowel = VAW4UL voyage = VOY4IXJ video = VIH4DIYOW

#### - W -

wafer = WEY4FER wage = WEY4J wait = WEY4T wake = WEY4K walk = WAO4K wall = WAO4L war = WOH4R warm = WOH4RM warp = WOH4RP warranty = WOH5RIXNTIY4 wash = WAA4SH waste = WEY4ST watch = WAA4CH water = WAO4TER watt = WAA4Twave = WEY4V way = WEY4 weak = WIY4K wealth = WEH4LTH wear = WEH4R wedding = WEH4DIHNX week = WIY4K weight = WEY4 welcome = WEH4LKUM well = WEH4L were = WER4 what = WHAH4T wheel = WHIY4L when = WHEH4N

which = WHIH4CH while = WHAY4L whisper = WHIH4SPER white = WHAY4T who = /HUW4whole = /HOW4L wide = WAY4D wild = WAY4LDwill = WIH4Lwin = WIH4Nwindow = WIH4NDOW wing = WIH4NXwinter = WIH4NTER wise = WAY4Z wish = WIH4SHwith = WIH4TH wizard = WIH4ZERD woman = WUH4MUN women = WIH4MIXN wonder = WAH4NDER word = WER4DWordrace = WER2D REYS work = WER4K world = WUH4RLDworry = WER4IY would = WUH4D wrap = RAE4P write = RAY4T wrong = RAO4NX

#### - X -

Zerox = ZIH4RAAKS X-ray = EH4KSREY xylophone = ZAY4LAXFOWN

#### - Y -

yacht = YAA4T yard = YAA4RD yawn = YAO4N year = YIH4R yellow = YEH4LOW yes = YEH4S you = YUW4 your = YOH4R youth = YUX4TH

- Z -

zany = ZEY4NIY zero = ZIY4ROW zig-zag = ZIH3GZAEG zip = ZIH4P zodiac = ZOW4DIY6AEK zone = ZOW4N

#### - DAYS OF THE WEEK -

Monday = MAH4NDEY Tuesday = TUW4ZDEY Wednesday = WEH4NZDEY Thursday = THER4ZDEY Friday = FRAY4DEY Saturday = SAE4TERDEY Sunday = SAH4NDEY

#### - MONTHS OF THE YEAR -

January = JAE4NYUXEHRIY
February = FEH4BRUXEH6RIY
March = MAA4RCH
April = EY4PRIXL
May = MEY4
June = JUW4N
July = JUHLAY4
August = AO4GAXST
September = SEHPTEH4MBER
October = AAKTOW4BER
November = NOHVEH4MBER
December = DIHSEH4MBER

#### - NUMBERS -

one = WAH4N two = TUW4three = THRIY4 four = FOH4Rfive = FAY4Vsix = SIH4KSseven = SEH4VIXN eight = EY4T nine = NAY4Nten = TEH4N eleven = IXLEH4VIXN twelve = TWEH4LV thirteen = THER4TIY6N twenty = TWEH4NTIY thirty = THER4TIYhundred = /HAH4NDRIXD thousand = THAW4ZUND million = MIH4LYUN

#### - STATES AND PROVINCES -

United States = YUWNAY4TIXD STEY4TS Alabama = AE4LAXBAE6MAX Alaska = AHLAE4SKAH Arizona = EH4RAXZOW5NAHArkansas = AA4RKUNSAO California = KAE5LAXFOH4RNYAH Colorado = KAA5LAXRAA4DOW Connecticut = KAHNEH4TIXKAHT Delaware = DEH4LAXWEH6R Florida = FLOH4RIXDAH Georgia = JOH4RJAH Hawaii = /HAHWAY4IY Idaho = AY4DAH/HOW Illinois = IHLUNOY4 Indiana = IH5NDIYAE4NAH Iowa = AY4AHWAH Kansas = KAE4NZIXS Kentucky = KEHNTAH4KIY Louisiana = LUXIY4ZIYAE5NAH Maine = MEY4N Maryland = MEH4RULIXND Massachusetts = MAE5SAXCHUW4SIXTS Michigan = MIH4SAXGUN Minnesota = MIH5NAXSOW4TAH Mississippi = MIH5SIXSIH4PIY Missouri = MIHZUH4RIYMontana = MAANTAE4NAH Nebraska = NAXBRAE4SKAH Nevada = NAXVAE4DAH New Hampshire = NUW6/HAE4MPSHER New Jersey = NUWJER4ZIYNew Mexico = NUWMEH4KSIXKOW New York = NUWYOH4RK North Carolina = NOH4RTH KEH5RULAY4NAH North Dakota = NOH4RTH DAHKOW4TAH Ohio = OW/HAY4OW Oklahoma = OWKLAX6/HOW4MAH Oregon = OH4RIXGUN Pennsylvania = PEH5NSULVEY4NYAH Rhode Island = ROW5D AY4LUND South Carolina = SAW4TH KEH5RULAY4NAH South Dakota = SAW4TH DAXKOW4TAH Tennessee = TEH5NAXSIY4 Texas = TEH4KSAXSUtah = YUW4TAO6Vermont = VERMAA4NT Virginia = VERJIH4NYAH

Washington = WAA4SHIHNXTAHN

West Virginia = WEH5ST VERJIH4NYAH Wisconsin = WIHSKAA4NSUN Wyoming = WAYOW4MIHNX

Provinces of Canada = PRAA4VIXNSIXZ AHV KAE4NAXDAH

Alberta = AELBER4TAH
British Columbia =
BRIH4TIXSH KAHLAH4MBIYAH
Manitoba = MAE5NIXTOW4BAH
New Brunswich = NUWBRAH4NZWIXK
Newfoundland = NUW4FIXNLIXND
Nova Scotia = NOH4VAXSKOW4SHAH
Ontario = AANTEH4RIYOW
Prince Edward Island =
PRIH5NS EH4DWERD AY4LUND
Quebec = KUHBEH4K
Saskatchewan = SAESKAE4CHAXWAAN

#### - UNITS -

units = YUW4NIXTS inches = IH4NCHIXZ feet = FIY4T vards = YAA4RDZmiles = MAY4LZcentimeters = SEH4NTIXMIY6TERZ kilometers = KIXLAA4MIXTERZ acres = EY4KERZounces = AW4NSIXZ pounds = PAW4NDZ tons = TAH4NZgrams = GRAE4MZ teaspoons = TIY4SPUWNZ cups = KAH4PS pints = PAY4NTS quarts = KWOH4RTS gallons = GAE4LUNZ liters = LIY4TERZ degrees = DAXGRIY4Z

### FINDING PHONEME SPELLING ERRORS

If you have made a phonetic spelling mistake that causes S.A.M. to be unable to break your string down into phonemes, he will beep twice at you and come back to BASIC without speaking. The location of the bad letter in the string is stored for you to examine. Also, you may PEEK at this location in a program to see if there were any errors in spelling and then make the required changes.

Here is a sample error-checking and display program:

- 100 SAM\$ = "MAY VOY4C IHZ BIHZAA5R."
- 110 A = USR ( 8192 )
- 120 IF PEEK ( 8211 )<255 THEN GOSUB 1000; REM ERROR CHECK
- 1000 REM ERROR DISPLAY ERROR APPEARS IN INVERSE
- 1010 N = PEEK ( 8211 ): REM N IS POSITION OF ERROR
- 1020 SAM\$(N.N) = CHR\$(ASC(SAM\$(N,N))+128)
- 1030 PRINT SAMS
- 1040 RETURN

The inverse character marks the spot where S.A.M. could no longer continue reading the string.

# TECHNICAL NOTES USE IN BASIC

S.A.M. from BASIC performs all stack housekeeping that is required.

When S.A.M. completes vocal output, the NMIEN (Non-maskable Interrupt Enable) (\$D40E) returns to the following conditions:

- BIT 6 Vertical Blank Interrupt Enable = "on"
- BIT 7 Display List Instruction Interrupt Enable = "on"

All other registers are returned to OS shadow values within 1/60 second after vocal output.

Note that during speech, the VBI is shut down so that the real-time clock registers (18, 19, 20) do **not** advance.

### SCREEN BLANK

The screen blanks during vocal output because Direct Memory Access (DMA) causes gaps to be inserted into the speech waveform each time the 6502 processor waits for the ANTIC chip to access memory. The audible result is extremely distorted speech when the screen is on.

If this speech quality is desirable for some application (or the screen must remain on during speech), S.A.M. may be operated in the DMA-enabled mode by POKE-ing a "1" into the "lights" register: 8210, There are different speed and pitch addresses to be used in this case. To return to DMA-disabled speech. POKE a "O" into this register.

#### IMPORTANT ADDRESSES Decimal Hex S.A.M. from Atari BASIC 8192 \$2000 S.A.M. from machine language 8196 \$2004 RECITER from Atari BASIC 8199 \$2007 RECITER from machine language 8203 \$200B SPEED (LIGHTS OFF) 8208 \$2010 SPEED (LIGHTS ON) 8206 \$200E PITCH (LIGHTS OFF) 8209 \$2011 PITCH (LIGHTS ON) 8207 \$200F DMA-enable 8210 \$2012 ERROR 8211 \$2013 ATASCII STRING 8212 \$2014

#### LISTING OF GUESSNUM

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10 REM -- GUESSNUM --
20 DIM SAM$(255),B$(50),C$(50)
30 SAM=8192:REM SAM'S ADDRESS
40 GRAPHICS 2:? $6;"GUESS THE NUMBER":? $6;"BETWEEN 1 AND 100"
50 SETCOLOR 2,0,0
60 N=INT(99*RND(0))+1
70 SAMS="GEH3S DHAX NAH4MBER BIXTWIY5N WAH4N G AEND WAHN6 /HAH4NDRIHD.":A=USR( ::
M)
80 TRAP 80: INPUT G
90 IF G>99 THEN SAMS="DHAETS MOHAR DHAEN WAHN /HAHANDRIXD.":A=USR(SAM):GOTO 80
100 IF G(1 THEN SAMS="DHAESTS LEH3S DHAEN WAHSN.": A=USR(SAM):G0T0 80
110 SAMS=""
120 IF G 10 THEN B$="":GOTO 340
130 ON G-9 GOTO 150,160,170,180,190,200,210,220,230,240
140 GOTO 250
150 B$="TEH4N":GOTO 460
160 Bs="IHLEH4VIXN":GOTO 460
170 BS="TWEH4LV":GOTO 460
180 B$="THER4TIY6N":GOTO 460
190 B$="FOH4RTIY6N":GOTO 460
200 B$="FIH4FTIY6N":COTO 460
210 B$="SIH4KSTIY6N":GOTO 460
220 Bs="SEH4VUNTIY6N":GOTO 460
230 B$="EY4TIY6N":GOTO 460
240 B$="NAY4NTIY6N":GOTO 460
250 ON INT(G/10)-1 GOTO 260,270,280,290,300,310,320,330
260 B#="TWEH4NTIY6":GOTO 340
270 B#="THER4TIY6":GOTO 340
280 E$="FOH4RTIY6":GOTO 340
290 B$="FIH4FTIY6":GOTO 340
300 B$="SIH4KSTIY6":GOTO 340
310 B$="SEH4VUNTIY6":GDTG 340
320 B$="EY4TIY6":GOTO 340
330 Es="NAY4NTIY6"
340 R=G-10*INT(G/10)
350 IF R=0 THEN GOTO 460
360 ON R GOTO 370,380,390,400,410,420,430,440,450
370 B$(LEN(B$)+1)="WAH5N":GOTO 460
380 B$(LEN(B$)+1)="TUW5":GDTO 460
390 B$(LEN(B$)+1)="THRIY5 ":GOTO 460
400 B$(LEN(B$)+1)="FOHR5
                         ":GOTO 460
410 B$(LEN(B$)+1)="FAY5V ":GOTO 460
420 B$(LEN(B$)+1)="SIH5KS":GOTO 460
430 B$(LEN(B$)+1)="SEH5VUN":GOTO 460
440 B$(LEN(B$)+1)="EY5T":GOTO 460
450 B$(LEN(B$)+1)="NAY5N"
460 IF G>N+25 THEN C4=" IHZ MAH3CH TUW5 /HAY6.":GOTO 530
470 IF G>N+5 THEN C$=" IHZ TUW3 /HAY.6":GOTO 530
480 IF G>N THEN C$=" IHZ AH LIHSTUL TUM4 /HAY6.":GOTO 530
490 IF G<N-25 THEN C$=" IHZ MAH3CH TUW4 LAXOW.":GOTO 530
500 IF G<N-5 THEN C$=" IHZ TUH3 LAXOW.":GOTO 530
510 IF G<N THEN C$=" IHZ AH LIHƏTUL TUM4 LAXOM.":GOTO 530
520 IF G=N THEN C$="? YUW3 AAR RAY2IH7T.":GOTO 530
530 SAM$(LEN(SAM$)+1)=B$:SAM$(LEN(SAM$)+1)=C$:A=USR(SAM)
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540 IF G N THEN GOTO 80 550 ? :? :? :? :? :GOTO 60

## SELDOM-USED PHONEME COMBINATIONS

Phoneme Combination	You probably want:	Unless it splits syllables like:
GS	GZ e.g. bags	bu <b>gs</b> pray
BS	BZ e.g. slobs	obscene
DS	DZ e.g. su <b>ds</b>	Hu <b>ds</b> on
PZ	PS e.g. sla <b>ps</b>	_
TZ	TS e.g. curtsy	
KZ	KS e.g. fix	6 <u></u>
NG	NXG e.g. singing	ı <b>ng</b> rate
NK	NXK e.g. bank	Sunkist

### **FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS**

Improvements upon and modifications to the S.A.M. system may occur in the future. Such new versions of S.A.M. will be made available at nominal cost to registered S.A.M. owners.

We are also planning to release a new program called "SUPERECITER". RECITER presently has a pronunciation accuracy of about 90%. SUPERECITER will show a major improvement in this area. But, we need your help.

If you hear a word mispronounced by RECITER that you feel is important, jot it down. Send us your list of these words (or proper names) so that we may incorporate them into the expanded rule set of SUPERECITER. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated.

S.A.M. is an ongoing project at DON'T ASK Computer Software. We welcome your comments and suggestions on our software speech synthesis products.