



## Bridging Kit Word-Vowel Hacks

### Hacks

Here are some hacks to modify vowels in the words that are in the first bridge or head voice.

Sounds like “a” (Bach) narrow it towards “uh” (buck)  
Sounds like “uh” (buck) narrow it towards “oo” (book)  
Sounds like “oo” (book) narrow it towards “ou” (no)  
Sounds like “ou” (no) narrow it towards “u” (too)

Often there’s no need to narrow all the way to the next vowel. Just moving towards it will work.

Sounds like “ae” (cat) narrow it towards “ε” (bet)  
Sounds like “ε” (bet) narrow it towards “i” (bit)  
Sounds like “i” (bit) narrow it towards “i” (beet)

This works best if you **think** of the word with the narrower vowel, rather than trying to change something with your throat, tongue or lips. By thinking of it before you sing the word, often that’s enough. If the vowel is still spreading, you may need to think of the next narrower vowel.

### Other Word Hacks for Bridging

Word	Modified To
all	“awl”
Bought	But [ʌ]
Bright	broit
Call	cawl
Frost	froast
Girl	g “oo”l
I	“uh”e
Love	(toward) “look”
my	“uh”e
Out	(toward) “uh”t Say “out” with mouth vertical not horizontal
Rockets’ Red Glare	Ruckets Rid Glib
Sometimes	somet “uh”ms

## International Phonetic Alphabet Vowel Symbols

Closed Vowel  
(Promotes Head Voice)

Mid-Vowel

Open Vowel  
(Promotes Chest Voice)

[i]  
beet

[ei]  
say

[ɪ]  
bit

[ɛ]  
bet

[æ]  
cat

[u]  
too

[ou]  
no

[ʊ]  
book

[ʌ]  
buck

[ɑ]  
Bach