## S190: Sassoon® Jolly Digraphs

## Easy-to-use pronunciation guides

Sassoon® Jolly Phonics Digraph fonts will enable you to write easy-to-use pronunciation guides for children or adults.

fall /fawl/ fast /fast/
family /familee/ fasten /fasen/
farther /farther/ fat /fat/
fascinate /fasinait/ father /fahther/
fashion /fashen/ feather /fether/

## Who can use this font?

It is suitable for special needs teachers and linguists, for dictionary compilers and EFL publishers, for publishers of travellers phrase books and for the many publishers of books with non-dictionary words (such as gardening reference books, or books with names of places or people).

## What are the special features?

The digraph sounds of English are shown by two joined letters, such as the examples below. There is one joined digraph for each digraph sound.

ai rain ee feet sh ship

(The full set of symbols is shown at the foot of this page).

There is a separate letter for the schwa or neutral vowel. It allows this sound to be recognized without it appearing to jar too much. For example:

a /prezent/ (noun) to /prezent/ (verb)

Stress is shown by using semi-bold for the stressed syllable. (Advice: The semi-bold is best used for the letters just before and including the vowel, in a syllable).

Key differences between British and American English can still be shown with the one representation. Separate symbols are used for:

a as in fast (where British uses /ah/ and American /a/) aw as in audio, all, awesome (where British uses /or/ and American /ah/)