

THE INTERNATIONAL PHONETIC ALPHABET – Broad Transcription

Vowels

IPA Symbol	Examples	Tongue Placement - <i>the highest part of the main part of the tongue</i>
i	Eat, Aesop, people, beat	front
ɪ	Hill, physics, business, it	front
e	Fate, weigh, gauge, ape	front
ɛ	When, get, better, many	front
æ	At, apple, plaid, sad	front
a	Pass, after, calf <i>Known as the "Intermediate a" in Skinner's Good Speech</i> <i>I describe this phoneme as æ with a tiny steeple in your mouth</i>	front
ɝ	Worse, journal, myrtle, shirt <i>Stressed syllables</i>	central, or mid (dle)
ɜ	Worse, journal, myrtle, Shirt – without r coloring <i>Non-rhotic sound, as in R.P.</i>	central, or mid(dle)
ə	Western, dancer, ever, perform <i>Unstressed syllables</i>	central, or mid (dle)
ʌ	Up, under, flood, sum <i>Stressed syllables</i>	central, or mid (dle)
ə	Above, banana, ahead, carnival <i>"schwa" – unstressed syllables</i>	central, or mid (dle)
ɑ	On, father, calm, spa	back
ɒ	Odd, got, wash, hot <i>In-between ɑ and ɔ</i>	back
ɔ	All, jaw, brought, pawn	back
o	Show, vocation, oasis, obey	back
u	Ooze, fruit, who, tool	back
ʊ	Put, good, would, look	back

Diphthongs – a rapid blend of 2 vowels sounds in the same syllable

IPA Symbol	Examples
aɪ	Guide, buy, July, crime
aʊ	Pout, drought, sound, cow
ɔɪ	Boy, noise, soil, Boise
eɪ	Way, same, entrée, they
oʊ	Coal, tableau, sew, brooch
ɔə	Oar, soar, war, Laurie

Consonants

	Bi-labial <i>Voiceless/Voiced</i>	Labio-dental <i>Voiceless/Voiced</i>	Lingua-dental <i>Voiceless/Voiced</i>	Lingua-alveolar <i>Voiceless/Voiced</i>	Lingua-Palatal <i>Voiceless/Voiced</i>	Lingua-velar <i>Voiceless/Voiced</i>	Glottal <i>Voiceless/Voiced</i>
Plosives	p b			t d		k g	
Fricatives		f v	θ ð	s z	ʃ ʒ		h
Nasals	m			n		ŋ	
Glides	ʌ w			l	j r		
Affricates <i>consonant combinations</i>				tʃ dʒ			

Consonant Examples

p	b	t	d	k	g
Pig, pen, paper	Bag, robber, lab	Tow, pretty, at	Day, meddle, lid	Kin, choir, liquor	Gone, ghost, dagger

f	v	s	z
Phony, differ, tough	Vat, driver, live	Scene, mister, nice	Zany, sizzle, has

h	l	r	w	m
Hall, who, ahead	Look, holly, soul	Wreck, rabbit, run	Want, away, quiet	My, hummer, hymn

n	θ	ð	ʃ	ʒ
Nail, manner, sign	Think, ether, bath	Them, father, bathe	Shed, machine, mush	Beige, casual, vision

tʃ	dʒ	ɹ	j	ŋ
Chum, righteous, catch	Jilt, gem, soldier	While, somewhat, which	Yes, union, beyond	King, banker, singer