

ARPAbet

Vowels			Consonants		
Phoneme	Example	Transcription	Phoneme	Example	Transcription
AA	bot	B AA1 T	B	be	B IY1
AE	bat	B AE1 T	CH	cheese	CH IY1 Z
AH	but	B AH1 T	D	day	D EY1
AO	bought	B AO1 T	DH	that	TH AE1 T
AW	bout	B AW1 T	F	fee	F IY1
AY	bite	B AY1 T	G	go	G OW1
EH	bet	B EH1 T	HH	he	HH IY1
ER	bird	B ER1 D	JH	just	JH AH1 S T
EY	bait	B EY1 T	K	key	K IY1
IH	bit	B IH1 T	L	late	L EY1 T
IY	beat	B IY1 T	M	me	M IY1
OW	boat	B OW1 T	N	knee	N IY1
OY	boy	B OY1	NG	sing	S IH1 NG
UH	put	P UH1 T	P	pay	P EY1
UW	boot	B UW1 T	R	read	R IY1 D
			S	sea	S IY1
			SH	she	SH IY1
			T	tea	T IY1
			TH	thanks	TH AE1 NG K S
			V	vain	V EY1 N
			W	we	W IY1
			Y	yes	Y EH1 S
			Z	zoo	Z UW1
			ZH	pleasure	P L EH1 ZH ERO

Stress is indicated by digits following the stressed vowels. There are three levels of stress:

- 0 no stress
- 1 primary stress
- 2 secondary stress

Examples

in	AH0 N, IH1 N	by	B AY1
the	DH AH0, DH AH1, DH IY0	digits	D IH1 JH AH0 T S
dictionary	D IH1 K SH AH0 N EH2 R IY0	following	F AA1 L OW0 IH0 NG
stress	S T R EH1 S	stressed	S T R EH1 S T
is	IH1 Z, AH0 Z	vowels	V AW1 AH0 L Z
indicated	IH1 N D AH0 K EY2 T AH0 D		

THE INTERNATIONAL PHONETIC ALPHABET (revised to 2015)

CONSONANTS (PULMONIC)

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	Bilabial	Labiodental	Dental	Alveolar	Postalveolar	Retroflex	Palatal	Velar	Uvular	Pharyngeal	Glottal
Plosive	p b			t d		t̪ d̪	c ɟ	k g	q ɢ		ʔ
Nasal	m	n̪		n		ɳ	ɲ	ŋ		N	
Trill	B			r					R		
Tap or Flap		v̪		f		t̪					
Fricative	ɸ β	f v	θ ð	s z	ʃ ʒ	ʂ ʐ	ç ɟ	x ɣ	χ ʁ	ħ ʕ	h ɦ
Lateral fricative			ɬ ɭ								
Approximant		v̪		ɹ		ɻ	ɺ	ɻ̪			
Lateral approximant			l̪	l	ɬ̪	ɬ	ɺ̪	ɺ			

Symbols to the right in a cell are voiced, to the left are voiceless. Shaded areas denote articulations judged impossible.

CONSONANTS (NON-PULMONIC)

Clicks	Voiced implosives	Ejectives
ʘ Bilabial	b Bilabial	,
Dental	d Dental/alveolar	p' Bilabial
! (Post)alveolar	f Palatal	t' Dental/alveolar
ǂ Palatoalveolar	g Velar	k' Velar
ǁ Alveolar lateral	G Uvular	s' Alveolar fricative

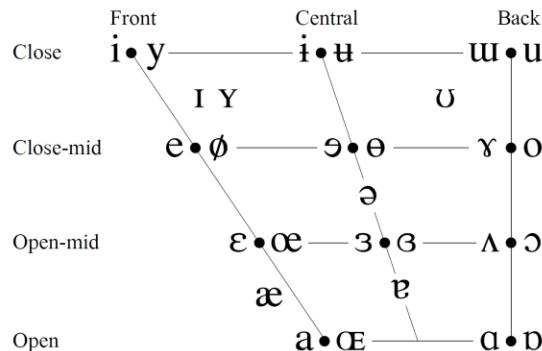
OTHER SYMBOLS

ʍ Voiceless labial-velar fricative	ç Z Alveolo-palatal fricatives
W Voiced labial-velar approximant	ɿ Voiced alveolar lateral flap
ɥ Voiced labial-palatal approximant	h̪ Simultaneous ʃ and X
H Voiceless epiglottal fricative	Affricates and double articulations can be represented by two symbols joined by a tie bar if necessary.
ʕ Voiced epiglottal fricative	
ʢ Epiglottal plosive	

DIACRITICS Some diacritics may be placed above a symbol with a descender, e.g. ڻ

○ Voiceless	ڻ ڻ	.. Breathy voiced	ڦ ڦ	□ Dental	ڦ ڦ
⌄ Voiced	ڻ ڻ	~ Creaky voiced	ڦ ڦ	⌄ Apical	ڦ ڦ
h Aspirated	ڻ ڻ	~ Linguolabial	ڦ ڦ	ڻ Laminal	ڦ ڦ
ڙ More rounded	ڻ ڻ	w Labialized	ڦ ڦ	~ Nasalized	ڦ ڦ
ڙ Less rounded	ڻ ڻ	j Palatalized	ڦ ڦ	ڻ Nasal release	ڦ ڦ
ڙ Advanced	ڻ ڻ	Y Velarized	ڦ ڦ	ڻ Lateral release	ڦ ڦ
ڙ Retracted	ڻ ڻ	ڻ Pharyngealized	ڦ ڦ	ڻ No audible release	ڦ ڦ
ڻ Centralized	ڻ ڻ	~ Velarized or pharyngealized	ڻ		
ڻ Mid-centralized	ڻ ڻ	Raised	ڻ (ڻ = voiced alveolar fricative)		
ڻ Syllabic	ڻ ڻ	Lowered	ڻ (ڻ = voiced bilabial approximant)		
ڻ Non-syllabic	ڻ ڻ	Advanced Tongue Root	ڻ		
ڻ Rhoticity	ڻ ڻ	Retracted Tongue Root	ڻ		

VOWELS



Where symbols appear in pairs, the one to the right represents a rounded vowel.

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SUPRASEGMENTALS

՚ Primary stress	founə'tɪʃən
՚ Secondary stress	
՚ Long	eɪ
՚ Half-long	e'
՚ Extra-short	ɛ
՚ Minor (foot) group	
՚ Major (intonation) group	
՚ Syllable break	xi.ækt
՚ Linking (absence of a break)	

TONES AND WORD ACCENTS

LEVEL	CONTOUR
é or ՚ Extra high	é or ↗ Rising
é ↗ High	é ↘ Falling
é ↕ Mid	é ↕ High rising
é ↖ Low	é ↖ Low rising
é ↘ Extra low	é ↘ Rising-falling
↓ Downstep	↗ Global rise
↑ Upstep	↘ Global fall