

# Sound Symbols

## Vowels

| <b>Pronunciation Pairs Unit Number</b> | <b>Pronunciation Pairs Symbol</b> | <b>Cambridge Dictionary of American English/ International Phonetic Alphabet</b> | <b>Your Dictionary's Symbol</b> | <b>Key Words</b> |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 1                                      | /iy/                              | /i:/   |                                 | tea, meet        |
| 2                                      | /ɪ/                               | /ɪ/  |                                 | sit, if          |
| 3                                      | /ɛ/                               | /e/  |                                 | yes, well        |
| 4                                      | /ey/                              | /eɪ/   |                                 | day, wait        |
| 5                                      | /æ/                               | /æ/  |                                 | hat, man         |
| 7                                      | /ʌ/                               | /ʌ/  |                                 | cup, love        |
| 8                                      | /ə/                               | /ə/  |                                 | banana, chicken  |
| 9                                      | /ər/                              | /ər/   |                                 | letter, doctor   |
| 10                                     | /ɑ/                               | /ɑ/  |                                 | hot, father      |
| 11                                     | /ɔ/                               | /ɔ:/   |                                 | ball, caught     |
| 12                                     | /ow/                              | /oʊ/   |                                 | go, coat         |
| 13                                     | /uw/                              | /u:/   |                                 | too, blue        |
| 14                                     | /ʊ/                               | /ʊ/  |                                 | book, put        |
| 16                                     | /ay/                              | /aɪ/   |                                 | fine, high       |
| 17                                     | /ɔy/                              | /ɔɪ/   |                                 | boy, oil         |
| 18                                     | /aw/                              | /aʊ/   |                                 | house, now       |
| 21                                     | /ər/                              | /ɜr/<br>(used only in stressed syllables)  |                                 | word, turn, girl |