

International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA)

Phoneme: The minimal unit of sound in a language is called phoneme. A phoneme cannot be divided into further units and carries no meaning in isolation. E.g /b/ in the word big.

(The symbols in brackets // are phonemes and should not be pronounced as English alphabets but as Hindi alphabets. Hence /b/ is not pronounced as bee but as □.)

Any language will have two types of phonemes: consonant and vowels

Following is the list of Consonants, along with the IPA symbols, present in English language

- 1) /p/ as in plan
- 2) /b/ as in boy
- 3) /t/ as in tree
- 4) /d/ as in dog
- 5) /k/ as in king
- 6) /g/ as in goat
- 7) /m/ as in money
- 8) /n/ as in nine
- 9) /ŋ/ as in **king**, **slink**
- 10) /f/ as in fan
- 11) /v/ as in van
- 12) /θ/ as in **thanks**, **thin**
- 13) /ð/ as in **there**, **thus**
- 14) /s/ as in slow
- 15) /z/ as in zeal
- 16) /ʃ/ as in **shine**
- 17) /ʒ/ as in measure
- 18) /h/ as in **hot**
- 19) /tʃ/ as in **chest**, **chair**
- 20) /dʒ/ as in **jar**, **jelly**
- 21) /w/ as in **what**, **wow**
- 22) /r/ as in **car**, **rat**
- 23) /j/ as in **yes**, **yellow**
- 24) /l/ as in **late**, **call**

List of vowels:

- 1) /i/ as in **please**
- 2) /ɪ/ as in **kit**, **split**

- 3) /e/ as in **enter**, **bed**
- 4) /æ/ as in **axe**, **bank**
- 5) /ʌ/ as in **utter**, **young**
- 6) /ɜ/ as in **early**
- 7) /ə/ as in **about**
- 8) /ɑ/ as in **art**, **card**
- 9) /o/ as in **old**
- 10) /ɔ/ as in **all**.
- 11) /ʊ/ as in **put**, **book**
- 12) /u:/ as in **shoe**, **yule**