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### IPA Pronunciation

**Stress marks:** /' / indicates primary stressed syllable follows; /, / indicates secondary stressed syllable follows, as in **news-pa·per** /'nuz,pəɪ pər/ and **in-for-ma·tion** /,ɪn fər'meɪʃən/

CONSONANTS		VOWELS	
/b/	boy, baby, rob	/æ/	apple, can, hat
/d/	do, ladder, bed	/eɪ/	aid, hate, day
/dʒ/	jump, budget, age	/ɑ/	arm, father, aha
/f/	food, offer, safe	/ɛər/	air, careful, wear
/g/	get, bigger, dog	/ɔ/	all, or, talk, lost, saw
/h/	happy, ahead	/aʊər/	hour
/k/	can, speaker, stick	/ɛ/	ever, head, get
/l/	let, follow, still	/i/	eat, see, need
/m/	make, summer, time	/ɪər/	ear, hero, beer
/n/	no, dinner, thin	/ər/	teacher, afterward, murderer
/ŋ/	singer, think, long	/ɜr/	early, bird, stirring
/p/	put, apple, cup	/ɪ/	it, big, finishes
/r/	run, marry, far, store	/aɪ/	I, ice, hide, deny
/s/	sit, city, passing, face	/aɪər/	fire, tired
/ʃ/	she, station, push	/ɒ/	odd, hot, waffle
/t/	top, better, cat	/oʊ/	owe, road, below
/tʃ/	church, watching, nature, witch	/u/	ooze, food, soup, sue
/θ/	thirsty, nothing, math	/ʊ/	good, book, put
/ð/	this, mother, breathe	/ɔɪ/	oil, choice, toy
/v/	very, seven, love	/aʊ/	out, loud, how
/w/	wear, away	/ʌ/	up, mother, mud
/ˈw/	where, somewhat	/ə/	about, animal, problem, circus
/y/	yes, onion		
/z/	zoo, easy, buzz		
/ʒ/	measure, television, beige		

### FOREIGN SOUNDS

/ʌ/	Fr. ami
/ə/	Fr. oeuvre
/œ/	Fr. feu, Ger. schön
/ʀ/	Fr. au revoir, Yiddish rebbe
/ü/	Fr. tu, Ger. über
/x/	Scot. loch, Ger. ach or ich

### SAMPLE NASALIZED VOWELS

/ɛ̃/	Fr. bien
/ɑ̃/	Fr. croissant
/ɔ̃/	Fr. bon

SAMPLE NASALIZED VOWELS	
/ <i>œ̃</i> /	<i>Fr.</i> parf <u>u</u> m
/ <i>ĩ</i> /	<i>Port.</i> Pr <u>ĩ</u> ncipe
/ <i>ĩ</i> /	<i>Port.</i> lingu <u>iça</u>