

Interactive IPA Chart

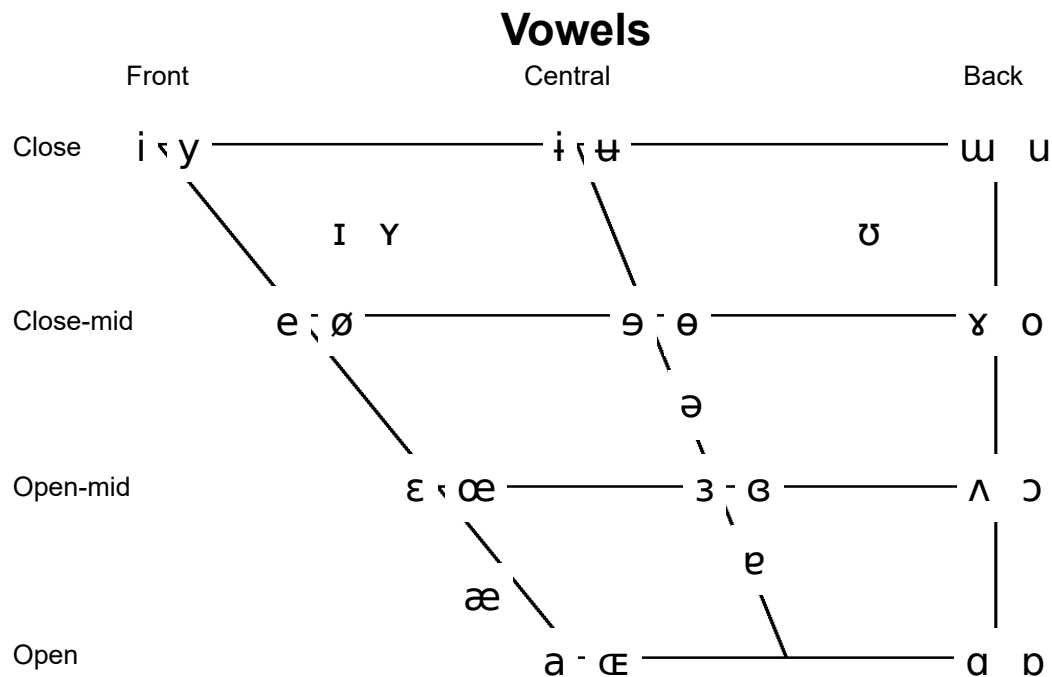
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About the IPA

The [International Phonetic Alphabet](#) (IPA) is a set of symbols that linguists use to describe the sounds of spoken languages.

This page lets you hear the sounds that the symbols represent, but remember that it is only a rough guide. There is lots of variation in how these sounds are said depending on the language and context. For example, in English voiceless plosives usually end with a puff of air called *aspiration*, but the voiceless plosives on this page aren't aspirated.

Click on a symbol to hear the sound it represents.



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

Pulmonic consonants

	Bi-labial	Labio-dental	Dental	Alveolar	Post alveolar	Retro flex	Pala tal	Velar	Uvu lar	Phary ngeal	Glotal
Plosive	p b			t d		ʈ ɖ	c ɟ	k ɡ	q ɢ		ʔ
Nasal	m	ɱ		n		ɳ	ɲ	ŋ	ɴ		
Trill	ʙ			r					ʀ		
Tap or Flap				ɾ		ɽ					

Fricative	ɸ	β	f	v	θ	ð	s	z	ʃ	ʒ	ɬ	ɮ	ç	ʝ	x	ɣ	χ	ʁ	ħ	ʕ	h	ɦ
Lateral Fricative								ɬ	ɮ													
Approximant				ʋ				ɹ					ɻ	j		ɰ						
Lateral Approximant								ɭ					ɮ̥	ʎ		ɮ̥						

Where symbols appear in pairs, the one to the right represents a voiced consonant.

Areas shaded grey indicate articulations judged impossible.

Non-pulmonic consonants

Clicks	Voiced implosives	Ejectives
ɔ Bilabial	ɓ Bilabial	ɸ' Bilabial
ǀ Dental	ɗ Dental/alveolar	ɬ' Dental/alveolar
ǃ (Post)alveolar	ɟ Palatal	k' Velar
ǂ Palatoalveolar	ɠ Velar	s' Alveolar fricative
ǁ Alveolar lateral	ɠ Uvular	' etc...

Other symbols

ɱ	Voiceless labial-velar fricative
ɰ	Voiced labial-velar approximant
ɥ	Voiced labial-palatal approximant
ʜ	Voiceless epiglottal fricative
ʕ	Voiced epiglottal fricative
ʡ	Epiglottal plosive
ɕ	Voiceless alveolo-palatal fricative
ʑ	Voiced alveolo-palatal fricative
ɺ	Alveolar lateral flap
ɺ	Simultaneous ʃ and x

Affricates

ɬɥ	Voiceless alveolar affricate
ɬʃ	Voiceless palato-alveolar affricate
ɬɕ	Voiceless alveolo-palatal affricate
ɬʂ	Voiceless retroflex affricate
ɗʒ	Voiced alveolar affricate
ɗʒ	Voiced post-alveolar affricate
ɗʑ	Voiced alveolo-palatal affricate
ɗʑ	Voiceless retroflex affricate

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