

American English Phonetic Symbols

Consonants

[p]	pig	[pig]	[θ]	think	[θɪŋk]	[h]	hand	[hænd]
[b]	box	[bɒks]	[ð]	this	[ðɪs]	[m]	man	[mæn]
[t]	time	[taɪm]	[s]	sun	[sʌn]	[n]	nose	[nouz]
[d]	dog	[dɔg]	[z]	zoo	[zu:]	[ŋ]	wing	[wɪŋ]
[k]	cat	[kæt]	[ʃ]	shoe	[ʃu:]	[r]	run	[rʌn]
[g]	go	[gou]	[ʒ]	treasure	[tréʒər]	[l]	light	[laɪt]
[f]	face	[feɪs]	[tʃ]	chair	[tʃɛər]	[j]	year	[jiər]
[v]	vase	[veɪs]	[dʒ]	juice	[dʒu:]	[w]	west	[west]

Vowels

Monophthongs (single, pure vowel sound)						Diphthongs (two vowel sounds joined in one syllable)		
[i:]	feet	[fi:t]	[ə]	bird	[bɜrd]	[aɪ]	eye	[aɪ]
[ɪ]	fish	[fɪʃ]	[u:]	two	[tu:]	[aʊ]	mouse	[maʊs]
[e]	bed	[bed]	[ʊ]	book	[bʊk]	[ɔɪ]	toy	[tɔɪ]
[æ]	apple	[æpl]	[ɔ]	ball	[bɔl]	[ju]	you	[ju]
[ʌ]	sun	[sʌn]	[ɑ]	mama	[m'ɑm ɑ]	[eɪ]	cake	[keɪk]
[ə]	alive	[əl'aɪv]				[ou]	go	[gou]

Stress

One Syllable		Two Syllables		Three/+ Syllables	
pen	[pen]	always	['ɔ:lweiz]	wonderful	[w'ʌndərfəl]
home	[houm]	minus	[m'ainəs]	beautiful	[bj'utəfəl]
come	[kʌm]	paper	[p'eipər]	calendar	[k'æləndər]
write	[rait]			secretary	[s'ekrəteri]
				interesting	['intərəstɪŋ]

Syllables

1 syllable	2 syllables	3 syllables	4 syllables	5 syllables
task	apply	employment	application	implementation
use	problem	piece of work	carrying out	do exercises
train	essay	implement		put into effect
drill	work out	bring to bear		
	effect	working out		
	keep fit	assignment		
	employ			