

English Pronunciation – Introduction to all the sounds in English

With this lesson you will learn:

- ✓ the difference between letters & sounds
- ✓ the pronunciation of consonants
- ✓ about voiced and unvoiced sounds
- ✓ the 3 types of English vowel sounds
- ✓ the pronunciation of vowel sounds
- ✓ the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA)

IPA symbol	Consonants – Unvoiced		IPA symbol	Consonants – Voiced	
/p/	pet	/pet/	/b/	bet	/bet/
	paper	/'peɪ.pə/		trouble	/'trʌ.bəl/
	top	/tɒp/		rub	/rʌb/
/t/	Tim	/tɪm/	/d/	dim	/dɪm/
	better	/'be.tə/		order	/'ɔː.də/
	hot	/hɒt/		bad	/bæd/
/k/	came	/keɪm/	/g/	game	/geɪm/
	talking	/'tɔː.kɪŋ/		bigger	/'bɪ.gə/
	back	/bæk/		bag	/bæg/
/f/	fine	/faɪn/	/v/	vine	/vaɪn/
	offer	/'ɒf.ə/		saving	/'seɪ.vɪŋ/
	off	/ɒf/		of	/ɒv/
/θ/	thin	/θɪn/	/ð/	then	/ðen/
	method	/'me.θəd		other	/'ʌ.ðə/
	both	/bəʊθ/		with	/wɪð/
/s/	seal	/si:l/	/z/	zeal	/zi:l/
	missing	/'mɪ.sɪŋ/		crazy	/'kreɪ.zi/
	face	/feɪs/		phase	/feɪz/
/ʃ/	show	/ʃəʊ/	/ʒ/	measure	/'me.zə/
	pushing	/'pʊʃ.ɪŋ/		vision	/'vɪ.ʒən/
	rush	/rʌʃ/		asia	/'eɪ.ʒə/
/tʃ/	choke	/tʃəʊk/	/dʒ/	joke	/dʒəʊk/
	watching	/wɒ.tʃɪŋ/		damaging	/'dæ.mɪ.dʒɪŋ/
	catch	/kætʃ/		large	/lɑːdʒ/

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/l/	love follow well	/lʌv/ /'fɒl.əʊ/ /wel/
/m/	mail humour some	/meɪl/ /'hju:.mə/ /sʌm/
/n/	nail funny fine	/neɪl/ /'fʌ.ni/ /faɪn/
/ŋ/	sing singer	/sɪŋ/ /'sɪ.ŋə/
/h/	heal perhaps	/hi:l/ /pə'hæps/
/r/	real correct	/ri:l/ /kə'rekt/
/j/	you beyond	/ju:/ /bi'jɒnd/
/w/	we showing	/wi/ /'ʃəʊ.wɪŋ/

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IPA	Vowel Sounds – Short Vowels			
/ɪ/	sit /sɪt/	hip /hɪp/	lid /lɪd/	tick /tɪk/
/e/	pet /pet/	step /step/	head /hed/	neck /nek/
/æ/	flat /flæt/	map /mæp/	tap /tæp/	back /bæk/
/ɒ/	hot /hɒt/	stop /stɒp/	long /lɒŋ/	clock /klɒk/
/ʌ/	cut /kʌt/	cup /kʌp/	one /wʌn/	luck /lʌk/
/ʊ/	put /pʊt/	look /lʊk/	good /gʊd/	cook /kʊk/
/ə/ schwa	<p>Schwa is a weak vowel used in many unstressed syllables. You will learn about schwa in your lessons on syllable stress.</p> <p>apart /ə'pa:t/ about /ə'baʊt/ control /kən'trəʊl/ pilot /'paɪlət/</p>			

IPA	Vowel Sounds – Long Vowels			
/i:/	seat /si:t/	sheep /ʃi:p/	leak /li:k/	team /ti:m/
/a:/	start /sta:t/	laugh /la:f/	dark /da:k/	ask /a:sk/
/u:/	shoe /fu:/	knew /nju:/	soon /su:n/	flew /flu:/
/ɔ:/	short /ʃɔ:t/	form /fɔ:m/	pork /pɔ:k/	course /kɔ:s/
/ɜ:/	hurt /hɜ:t/	word /wɜ:d/	work /wɜ:k/	shirt /ʃɜ:t/

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IPA	Vowel Sounds – Diphthong Vowels			
/aɪ/	buy /baɪ/	why /waɪ/	flight /flaɪt/	night /naɪt/
/eɪ/	say /seɪ/	late /leɪt/	wait /weɪt/	train /treɪn/
/ɔɪ/	boy /bɔɪ/	choice /tʃɔɪs/	voice /vɔɪs/	noise /nɔɪz/
/aʊ/	how /haʊ/	now /naʊ/	town /taʊn/	brown /braʊn/
/oʊ/	know /noʊ/ phone /foun/ home /houm/ spoke /spouk/ may be written as /əʊ/ in your dictionary			
/ɪə/	here- /hɪə/	near- /nɪə/	fear- /fɪə/	beer- /bɪə/
/eə/	hair- /heə/	share- /ʃeə/	pear- /peə/	chair - /tʃeə/
/ʊə/	pure- /pjʊə/	tour- /tʊə/	lure- /lʊə/	cure - /kjʊə/

Please Note:

Some IPA symbols may be different in your dictionary depending on whether it is American, British or Australian.

A consonant cluster is when there are two consonants next to each other eg /tr/ in 'train' and /ks/ in 'six'.

To see the IPA and hear the pronunciation of a word in a UK accent and US accent we recommend the Cambridge

Online Dictionary: <http://dictionary.cambridge.org/>