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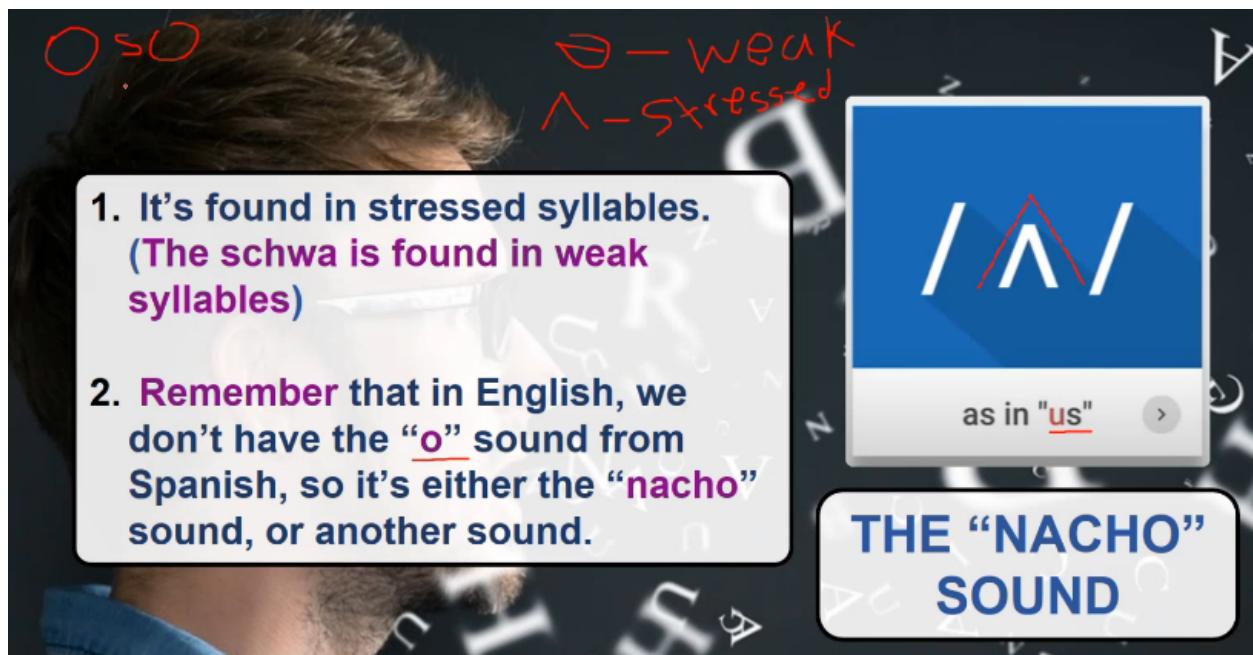
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# Chapter 1

## Vowels

### 1.1 "Nacho" sound /ʌ/



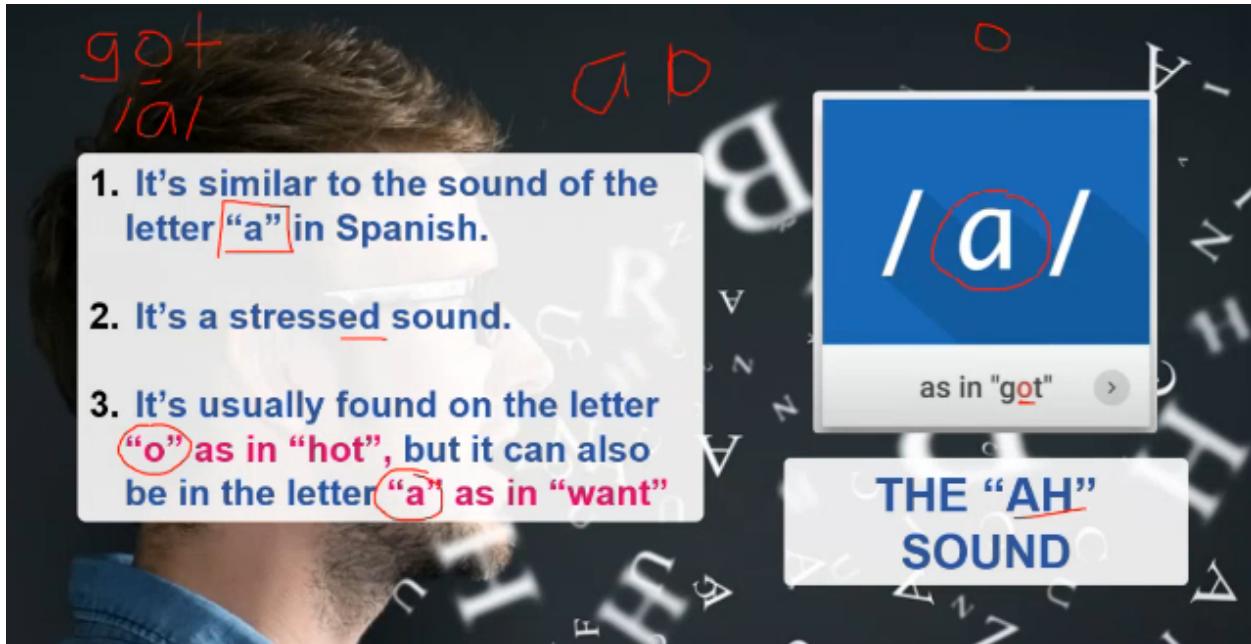
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Word	IPA	Word	IPA
Us	/ʌs/	Touch	/'tʌtʃ/
Cup	/'kʌp/	Bus	/'bʌs/
Dumb	/'dʌm/	Another	/ə'nʌðər/
Month	/'mʌnθ/	Other	/'ʌðər/
Blood	/'blʌd/	Wonderful	/'wʌndəfəl/
Refund	/'ri:fʌnd/	Come	/'kʌm/
Country	/'kʌntri/	Luck	/'lʌk/
Cousin	/'kʌzən/	Cut	/'kʌt/
Customer	/'kʌstəmər/	Love	/'lʌv/

Money	/'mʌni/	Young	/'jʌŋ/
Mother	/'mʌðər/	Enough	/ɪ'nʌf/
Some	/'sʌm/	Much	/'mʌtʃ/
Fun	/'fʌn/	Run	/'rʌn/

- He didn't tell **us** anything.
- Sorry, but I broke **another** cup.
- Honestly, that's a **dumb** idea.
- I don't think we have **enough** money for the trip.
- How **much honey** do you want for your pancakes?
- You always **run** out of time so you miss the **bus** every time.
- You're too **young** to go. Though **luck**, **buddy**.
- Can I get you **another** cup of coffee?
- How many **countries** have you visited with your cousin?
- I'm having so much fun here! It's a **wonderful** place to live.
- I can't see **blood**, so don't show me the **cut** on your finger.
- I **just** need **some money** to take **another bus**.

## 1.2 "Ah" sound /ɑ/



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Word	IPA	Word	IPA
Hot	/hat/	Job	/dʒab/
Cop	/kap/	Opportunity	/əpə'tju:nətɪ/
Got	/gat/	John	/dʒan/
Boss	/bas/	Not	/nat/
Top	/tap/	Document	/'dakjəmənt/
Want	/want/	Doctor	/'daktər/
Box	/baks/	Stop	/stap/
Wash	/wɑʃ/	Possible	/'pasəbəl/
Bob	/bab/	Problem	/'prabləm/
Bottle	/'batəl/	Body	/'badi/
Calm	/kam/	Lock	/lak/
Concert	/'kansət/	Option	/'apʃən/
Clock	/klak/	Honest	/'anəst/
Follow	/'falou/	Topic	/'tapik/
Dollar	/'dalər/	Product	/'pradʌkt/
Drop	/drap/	Pocket	/'pakət/

- I don't want to go out it's too **hot** outside.
- **John** **got** a new **job**, so now he works as a **cop**.
- That's **not** a **problem** at all.
- **Oscar**, can you put the paper in a box and leave it outside?

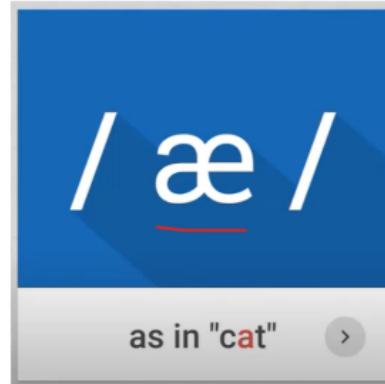
- I just bought an **apartment** and I have all the **documents**.
- Should I be in class today? Or should I go to the **doctor**?
- Can you **stop** making all that noise?
- Is it **possible** to get this done today?
- I'm sorry, but that's **not** an **option**.
- Could you **drop** Andy at Anna's house?
- **Bob** is the new **boss** and he has a lot of **problems** to fix at the **office**.
- The customer says he got an incorrect **product**. What should I do?
- I'm not awake enough to pay attention to this **topic** today.
- I'm going to be **honest**; I took a few **dollars** you had in your **pocket**.
- Make sure you **follow** the **process** correctly this time.

## 1.3 "Pretzel" sound /æ/

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1. It's a stressed sound.
2. It's found on the letter "a" as in "cat".
3. It's a nasal sound.



### THE "PRETZEL" SOUND



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Word	IPA	Word	IPA
Cat	/kæt/	Cap	/kæp/
Hat	/hæt/	Fast	/fæst/
Man	/mæn/	Example	/ɪg'zæmpəl/
Add	/æd/	Accident	/æksədənt/
Manager	/mænədʒər/	Saturday	/sætər'deɪ/
Apple	/æpəl/	Family	/fæməli/
Ask	/æsk/	Class	/klæs/
Back	/bæk/	Last	/læst/
Bad	/baed/	Habit	/hæbit/
Sad	/sæd/	Answer	/ænər/
Jacket	/dʒækət/	Animal	/ænəməl/
Past	/pæst/	Catch	/kætʃ/

- That man loves putting hats on his fat cat.
- There was an accident on my way back from work.
- I have an important test on Saturday, so I can't hang out with you.
- Is that an apple pie? I'm starving, and it smells delicious.
- Why are you eating like an animal? Slow down a little bit.

- The **last** time I gave you my **jacket**, you lost it.
- My **family** is going to **gather** around and **catch** up on **Saturday**.
- I don't want to talk to another **manager**. I just need an **answer**.
- **That man** told me a story, but it doesn't **add** up.
- Eating when you're **sad** and bored isn't a good idea.
- I **had** an **accident last** week.
- I'll be **back** as soon as I **can**.
- If you need an **example**, google it.
- The cop got all the **answers** without **asking** anything.

## 1.4 "EH" sound as in "bet" /e/

**1. It's just like the sound we have in Spanish.** *e - longer*

**2. It can be found in the following words:**

- **e** as in **bed**.
- **ea** as in **head**.
- **ie** as in **friend**
- **a** as in **many**.

**THE "SPANISH EH" SOUND**

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Word	IPA	Word	IPA
Bed	/bɛd/	Yell	/jɛl/
Get	/gɛt/	Men	/mɛn/
Head	/hɛd/	Debt	/dɛt/
Friend	/frɛnd/	Yet	/jet/
Aga <sup>n</sup> in	/ə'gen/	Mention	/'mɛnʃən/
Met	/mɛt/	Second	/'sɛkən/
Said	/sɛd/	Credit	/'krɛdit/
Says	/sez/	Seven	/'sɛven/
Let	/lɛt/	Sweater	/'swɛtər/
Sell	/sel/	Swear	/'swer/
Tell	/tel/	Celebrity	/'seləbərətə/
Fell	/fel/	Bread	/'bred/
Well	/wel/	Breath	/'breθ/

A: So, what time did you **go to bed** last night?

B: I **went to bed** at 1 am because I was playing videogames. And you? What time do you usually go to **bed**?

A: My brother got into a lot of **debts** because he loves using his **credit** card.

B: Yeah, doing that isn't a good idea. Do you think it's necessary to **get** into **debts** by using a **credit** card?

A: Teams is suck again! I think I'm going to lose my **head** today.

B: I know that Teams is annoying, but don't lose your **head**. Just take a deep **breath**. What other things make you lose your **head** sometimes?

A: Sorry, I didn't hear anything you **said**. What are we supposed to do?

B: You always have your **head** in the clouds when you're in class. Why are you so distracted?

A: I like my new job, and I'm making a lot of **friends** already.

B: Really? I'm not good at making **friends** with people. Any suggestions?

A: I **met** up with an old friend last week. He **said** he's been traveling a lot.

B: Oh, I see. Personally, I don't think I would enjoy **travelling** so often. And you?

A: Can you give me a **second**? I need to restart my router again.

B: No problem. **Let** me know **when** you're back.

A: Are you ok? You're out of **breath**.

B: Yeah, I had to take the **steps**. I **guess** I need to do more exercise. How often do you exercise?

A: **Ben says** he **fell** in love with a girl last month and that he's going to marry her.

B: He always **says** that. I **bet** she's going to break up with him in a few weeks.

A: I hate this **weather**. I **sweat** all the time and I'm always thirsty.

B: Oh I know. I feel like taking a shower **again** and **again** when the day is hot.

A: Can you **lend** me Q1,000? I swear I'm going to pay you in a few days.

B: **Again**? Why do you always **get** into **debts**? Sorry, but I can't **lend** you any more money.

A: I need to **get better** at remembering vocabulary. I'm lost.

B: Yeah I know, but it takes time and practice. **We're** doing fine.

## 1.5 "AW" sound as in "thought" /ɔ/

o
:c

**1. Think of it as a "deep" version of the "ah" sound.**



**2. It can be found in the following words:**

- The aw as in Saw
- The ou as in Bought
- The au as in Cause



### THE "SAD FACE" SOUND



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Word	IPA	Word	IPA
Bought	'bɔt	Fault	'fɔlt
Draw	'drɔp	Fought	'fɔt
Saw	sɔ'	Daughter	'reθəp
Brought	'brɔt	Lawyer	're.çl
Call	'kɔl	Law	'lɔ
Caught	'kɔt	August	,ç'gəst
Taught	'tɔt	Author	,ç'θər
Thought	'θɔt	Talk	'tɔk
Cause	'kɔz	Walk	'wɔk
Cough	'kɔf	Awesome	'səm
Dawn	'dən	Audio	'ɔ.di.ou
Dog	'dɔg	Awful	'ɔfəl
Fall	'fɔl	Fraud	'frəd

A Why did you buy a new phone? Don't you have one already?

B Well, I **bought** a new phone because I'm going to give it to my mom. She said she wanted to learn how to use one.

A I didn't know you could **draw**. These are amazing!

B Thanks! I've been practicing for months now, and I want to become a professional artist.

A I **saw** you yesterday and I waved my hand, but you didn't say hi. Why did you ignore me?

B Oh I **thought** you were someone else. Sorry, but didn't have my glasses, so I didn't recognize you.

A I'm sorry for forgetting your birthday last month, but I **brought** you some pizza!

B I'm still angry with you, but since I love pizza I will forgive you for now.

A So George, who's your favorite **author**?

B Honestly, reading isn't my cup of tea, so I really don't know any **authors**.

A George **caught** me sleeping in class, and I couldn't come up with an excuse.

B I **thought** you were going to start going to bed earlier in order to have more energy for the class. What happened?

A Did you really play videogames until **dawn**? How are you going to be awake for the class ?

B Relax, George, I just need a RedBull, a Raptor and a coffee, and I'll be just fine.

A I paid \$1,000.00 for the Iphone 16 on Facebook Marketplace, but now the vendor isn't answering my messages.

B How could you **fall** for that? It was clearly a scam. Sorry, but that money is now gone.

A Did you hear about John? He got **caught** red-handed stealing money from customers.

B Really? I never **thought** he would break the **law**. What's going to happen to him now ?

A So, how did the date go?

B Oh it was **awful**! I was stood up, so I didn't even meet the person.

A Well, I thought the movie was going to be **awesome**, but it was disappointing.

B I **saw** it last week and I **thought** it was just OK.

A Why are you mad at me? It wasn't my **fault** that you got an F on your test.

B Of **course** it was your **fault**! You knew we would have a surprise test and you didn't tell me.

## 1.6 "UH" sound as in "book" /ʊ/

1. It's 90% neutral, similar to the "nacho" sound or the schwa.

2. It's mostly found on the letter:

- oo as in "good"
- u as in "sugar"

vowel sound



AS IN  
"PUT"

...



THE  
"HORSESHOE"  
SOUND

GUATEMALA

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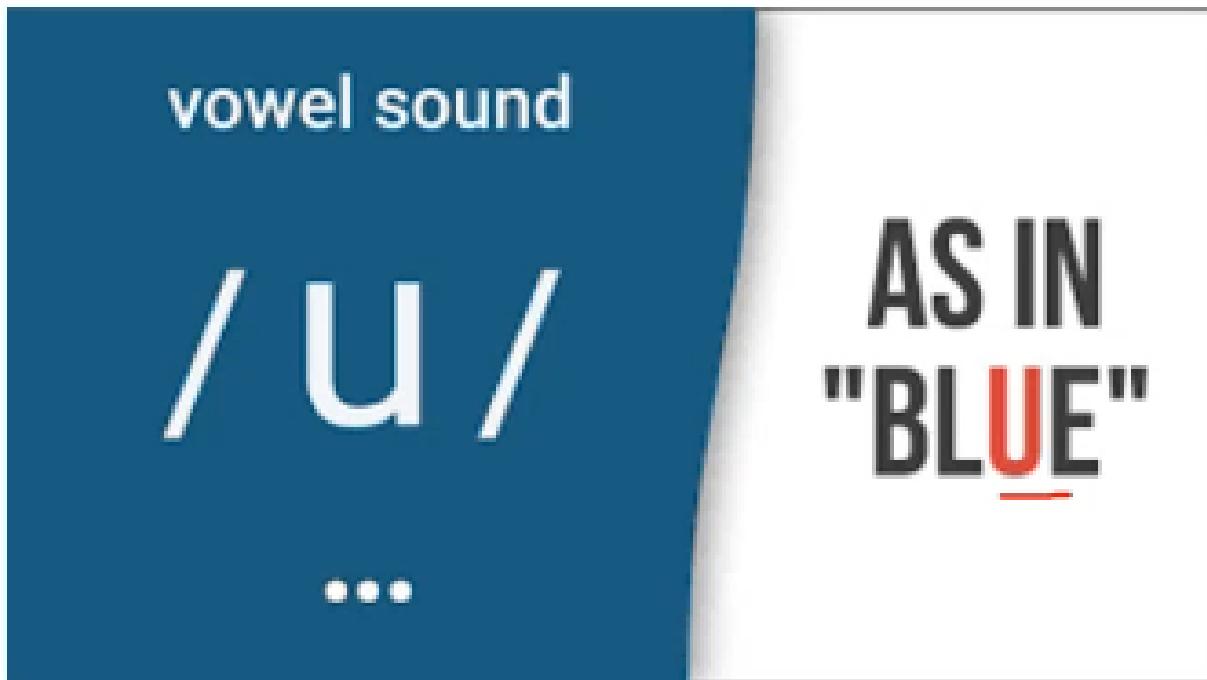
Word	IPA	Word	IPA
Full	/'fʊl/	Should	/'ʃʊd/
Put	/'put/	Would	/'wʊd/
Pull	/'pʊl/	Cookie	/'kʊki/
Sugar	/'ʃʊgər/	Took	/tʊk/
Book	/'bʊk/	Push	/'pʊʃ/
Cook	/'kʊk/	Woman	/'wʊmən/
Foot	/'fʊt/	Childhood	/tʃaɪld.hʊd/
Good	/'gʊd/	Cushion	/'kʊʃən/
Look	/'lʊk/	Bully	/'buli/
Could	/'kʊd/	Hoodie	/'hʊdi/

- You **took** my **hoodie**, didn't you? Why do yo always take my clothes?
- I think I have a problem with **sugar**, I can't stop eating sweet things. Do you have the same problem?
- What's a **childhood** memory that you cherish? For example, I used to visit my grandma a lot when I was a child.
- In your opinion, what's a thing we **should** do more often to improve our fluency?
- What kind of shift are you looking for right now? An AM shift or a PM shift?
- I'm not **good** at using Excel, although I think I **should** learn to use it. What about you?

- Do you like **books** or movies? If, so, what kind of movies or **books** are you into?
- What's a thing that **puts** you in a **good** mood? A song, a snack, a show?
- Is it true that we're going to leave early today or are you just **pulling my leg**?
- **Would** you like to go to the movies tonight? I have two tickets.
- I hurt my **foot** while I was walking and now it's swollen. What do you recommend?
- My cousin is so **full** of himself. He's always talking about his achievements and how great he is. Do you know anyone like that?

## 1.7 "Long U" sound as in "usually" /ju/

Y  
U



# The /u/ sound

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Word	IPA	Word	IPA
Moon	/'mu:n/	Soup	/'su:p/
Choose	/'tʃu:z/	Move	/'mu:v/
Cool	/'ku:l/	Who	/'hu:/
Fool	/'fu:l/	Mood	/'mu:d/
Pool	/'pu:l/	You	/'ju:/

<b>Loose</b>	/'lu:s/	<b>Computer</b>	/,kəm'pjui:t/
<b>Lose</b>	/'lu:z/	<b>Dispute</b>	/,dr'spju:t/
<b>School</b>	/'sku:l/	<b>Usually</b>	/'ju:ʒəli/
<b>Soon</b>	/'su:n/	<b>Ambulance</b>	/'æmbjələns/
<b>Rule</b>	/'ru:l/	<b>Mute</b>	/'mju:t/
<b>Flu</b>	/'flu:/	<b>Singular</b>	/'sɪŋgjələr/
<b>Blew</b>	/'blu:/	<b>Particular</b>	/'pətikjələr/
<b>Chew</b>	/'tʃu:/	<b>Use (noun)</b>	/'ju:s/
<b>Group</b>	/'gru:p/	<b>Document</b>	/'dəkjəmənt/

- So, George, why were you so **over the moon** yesterday? What happened?
- Alright, so if you were me, what would you **choose**? Working in the morning or working in the afternoon? Why?
- George, would you describe yourself as a **cool-headed** person or as hot-headed person? (**Someone that's usually calm even in difficult situations**)
- I saw you **fooling around** instead of working in class this morning. Why didn't you want to work? (**To waste time instead of working or being productive**)
- This traffic is not moving **anytime soon**, so let's **hang loose** and listen to some **music**. What would you like to listen to? (**When you hang loose, you wait patiently**)
- I have a friend that couldn't pass his first job interview, and I don't want him to **lose heart**. What do you think I can tell him? (**To feel discouraged and stop believing you can succeed**)
- You know, **as soon as** the class is over I take a nap. How about you?
- I went on a date last Saturday and by mistake I called my date by the wrong name and then I spilled my drink all over the table. Do you think I **blew it**? (**To make a big mistake or ruin a moment or opportunity**)
- George, I think I'm in a **bad mood** today, but what can I do to get in a **better mood**?
- Is it **usual** for you to stay up on weekdays? What about the weekends?
- George says he won't let us go early anymore. Should we keep asking or **there's no use talking** to him? (**When doing something is pointless or useless**)
- So, George, do you have a **particular** method for practicing English alone or do you just practice in class?

## 1.8 "ER" sound as in "girl", "first", "bird" /ə/

**Words:**

- **First**
- **Burn**
- **Perfect**
- **Girl**
- **World**

**IPA Examples:**

- /ə/ as in "after"
- /ɜː/ as in "first"
- /ə/ as in "bird"
- /ə/ as in "girl"
- /ə/ as in "world"

**THE "ER" SOUND (OR THE "SCHWAR")**

UR [ɜː]

Click here to listen

Word	IPA	Word	IPA
First	/fərst/	Girl	/gɜːrl/
Answer	/'æn.sər/	Word	/'wɜːrd/
Bird	/'bɜːd/	World	/'wɜːrlڈ/
Birthday	/'bɜːθ.deɪ/	Work	/'wɜːk/
December	/dɪ'sɛm.bər/	Dirty	/'dɜːti/
Better	/'be.tər/	Thirty	/'θɜːti/
Butter	/'bʌ.tər/	Heard	/'hɜːrd/
Doctor	/'dɑ.k.tər/	Learn	/'lɜːrn/
Dollar	/'də.lər/	Nurse	/'nɜːrs/
Editor	/'e.dɪ.tər/	Early	/'e.ri.li/
Favor	/'feɪ.vər/	Shirt	/'ʃɜːt/
Were	/'wɛr/	Turn	/'tɜːrn/
Honor	/'o.nər/	Church	/'tʃɜːtʃ/
Burn	/'bɜːm/	Hurt	/'hɜːt/
Burst	/'bɜːst/	Earn	/'ə.m/

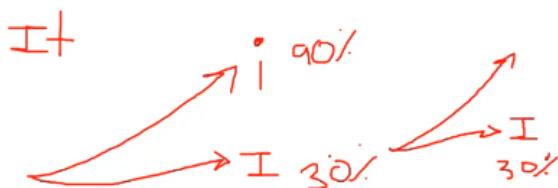
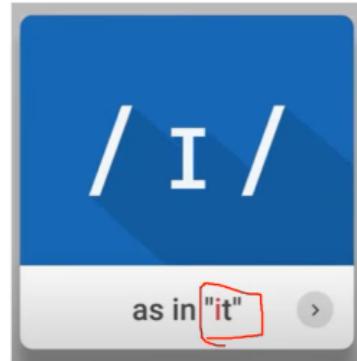
- So, George, what's the **first** thing you do when you finish this class?
- How do you or your family celebrate the holidays in **December**?

- Do you think that **birds** are good pets? Or do you **prefer** other types of animals?
- I **heard** that you're going to leave the class **early** today. Is that true?
- Do you think that **working** as a **nurse** is a difficult job? Why?
- Can you do me a **favor**? I need to buy food, but I don't have cash at the moment. Can you lend me some?
- If I **were** you, I would take notes in class instead of checking my phone.
- Do you **consider yourself** an **early bird**, or a night owl?
- It's your **turn** to wash the **dirty** dishes today. Are you going to do it?
- "The **editor** edited it" is such a difficult thing to say. Can you say it fast?
- I **heard** that you **were** sick yesterday. Are you feeling any **better** today?
- Do you think **we're** going to **learn** anything useful today?
- What do you plan on doing with the money **you're** going to **earn** in the **future**?
- I just got Q1,000, and it's **burning** a hole in my pocket. What should I spend it on?
- What on **Earth** **were** you thinking when you decided to date that **guygirl**? He/She was a walking red flag.

## 1.9 "IH" sound as in "it" I

Fit Fed I

1. It's 90% neutral, similar to the "nacho" sound or the schwa.
2. It's mostly found on the letter "I" as in "It" or "Sit".



### THE "AMERICAN I" SOUND



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Word	IPA	Word	IPA
It	/'it/	Listen	/'lis.ən/
Big	/big/	Fill	/fil/
Give	/giv/	Visit	/'viz.it/
If	/'if/	Sister	/'sis.tə/
Live	/liv/	List	/list/
Did	/dɪd/	Everything	/'ev.rɪ.θɪŋ/
Drink	/drɪŋk/	Information	/,ɪn.fər.'meɪ.ʃən/
Fit	/fit/	Think	/'θɪŋk/
Miss	/mɪs/	Single	/'sɪŋ.gəl/
Kiss	/kɪs/	Interested	/'ɪn.tər.ə.stɪd/
Kid	/kɪd/	In	/'ɪn/

A It's a beautiful day today, isn't it?

B Yeah, you're right. I hope it doesn't rain later because I need to go out.

A I think I ate too much cake at the party. I'm feeling a bit sick.

B Oh I love cake! What were you celebrating?

A So... did you go on a date last week?

B Nope. Honestly, for now I'm **interested** in being **single**. And you?

A You know, I **miss** having a summer vacation like when I was a **kid**.

B Yeah, I know what you mean. What **things did** you use to do on your summer vacations?

A **If I finish** all my assignments today, I'll be free tomorrow.

B Great. What are you planning on doing tomorrow?

A My **sister** wants to get a loan from the bank just to celebrate her **birthday**.

B Wow, **it** looks like her **birthday is a big deal** for her. What do you **think** about that?

A I'm trying to find new music to **listen** to. Do you have any recommendations?

B Well, **it** depends on the type of music you **listen** to. Who's your favorite **artist**?

A Do you **think it** would be better to **live in** a house or **in** an apartment?

B I'm not sure. Maybe you should **think** about **which** one **is** more expensive.

A George, I **still** have a few **things** to do from my **to-do list**. Do you **think** you can help me **with** them?

B Well, I can **give it** a shot. What are some of the **things** you **still** need to do?

A I'm going to be part of a new team, but what **if** I don't **fit in**? Any advice?

B I'm not sure, but... is **it** a **big deal** for you to get along **with** everyone?

A So, George, **did** you like the movie? **Did it live** up to your expectations?

B Honestly, I thought **it** was just OK, and I wasn't expecting much. How about you?

A Can I use your card today? I need to **fill** up my car **with** gas.

B Are you **kidding** me? You already owe me like Q500. When are you paying me back?

# Chapter 2

## Consonants

### 2.1 "TH" sound /θ/



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Word	IPA	Word	IPA
Think	/θɪŋk/	Nothing	/'nʌθ.ɪŋ/
Thought	/θa:t/	Month	/mʌnθ/
Thousand	/'θæv.zənd/	Mouth	/mæʊθ/
Thumb	/θʌm/	Earth	/ə:θ/
Thirsty	/'θe:ri.sti/	Strength	/streŋθ/
Marathon	/'mær.ə.θa:n/	Therapy	/'θe:ri.ə.pi/

<b>Health</b>	/hɛlθ/	<b>Thirty</b>	/’θɜːl.ti/
<b>Healthy</b>	/’hɛl.θi/	<b>Truth</b>	/tru:θ/
<b>Birth</b>	/bə:θ/	<b>Toothache</b>	/’tu:θ.eɪk/
<b>Birthday</b>	/’bə:θ.deɪ/	<b>Both</b>	/boʊθ/
<b>Something</b>	/’sʌm.θɪŋ/	<b>Method</b>	/’mɛθ.əd/
<b>Anything</b>	/’en.i.θɪŋ/	<b>Author</b>	/’a:θər/
<b>Everything</b>	/’ev.ri.θɪŋ/	<b>Worth</b>	/wə:θ/

1. I **think** I know **everything** now.
2. Responsibility is my biggest **strength**.
3. What on **earth** were you **thinking**?
4. **Thank** you for the **thirty** bucks you gave me.
5. Tell me the **truth** or don't say **anything**.
6. Am I **healthy** enough to run a **marathon**?
7. What's your date of **birth**?
8. I can't eat **anything** because of my **toothache**.
9. I swear I'm going to pay you back next **month**.
10. What is the payment **method** you used?
11. I've told you to clean up your mess a **thousand** times.
12. Not **everything** is about you.
13. Books from that **author** are **worth** a lot of money.
14. I'll **think** about you when I go to **therapy**.
15. I can't believe **both** of you **thought** this was a good idea.

## 2.2 "TH" sound /ð/ (as in *that*, *those*, *they*)



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Word	IPA	Word	IPA
That	'ðæt	Together	tə'geðər
Than	'ðæn	Either	'iðə
They	'ðei	Those	'ðouz
Father	'faðər	Leather	'leðər
Mother	'mʌðər	Other	'ʌðər
Brother	'brʌðər	Another	ə'nʌðər
Feather	'feðər	Breathe	'bri:ð
Weather	'weðər	(Even) Though	'ðou
Gather	'gæðər	Clothing	'kluðŋ
Rather	'ræðər	Smooth	'smu:ð

Even **though** the **weather** has been very cold **these** days, our family is going to get **together** for dinner. It's just **another** tradition **that** we have.

First, our **father** prepares some hot chocolate for everybody. **Then** our **mother** bakes some delicious cookies. And, believe it or not, my **brother** cooks some delicious pizza.

We **gather** around the fireplace in our living room and we **either** play board games or watch a movie. We do **other** activities like telling scary stories or playing Pictionary.

I **rather** play board games because it's more interactive and we laugh more, but watching a movie is also a good option.

When the **weather** gets better, we go out and **breathe** the fresh air. **These** are some of the moments I always appreciate, and **whether** I'm young or old, I will always remember **them**.

## 2.3 "SH" sound /ʃ/

The /ʃ/ is usually spelled as "sh" at the beginning or end of a word. However, there it can be found in other combinations:

1. ti: Information, demonstration. Shan shən
2. ci: Special, delicious, musician. Shəl
3. ssi: Russia, discussion. Shən Shəs

There are some unusual spellings like:

- Sure, sugar, tissue, champagne, Chicago, ocean, Sean.

*An-shən*

**/ʃ/ As in see**

**/ʃ/ As in she**

**sh**

- She should shake the dirt off her shoes.
- Shannon shout at Sharon.
- She should show her talent without shame.
- Let's share some champagne after the musician's show.
- Tell Sean to shush Sheldon.

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Word	IPA	Word	IPA
Invitation	/ɪnvɪ'teɪʃən/	Session	/'seʃən/
Solution	/sə'ljuːʃən/	Condition	/kən'dɪʃən/
Beneficial	/bə'nefɪʃəl/	Repetition	/rəpi'tɪʃən/
Artificial	/ɑːrtɪfɪʃəl/	Retention	/rɪ'tenʃən/
Financial	/faɪ'nænʃəl/	Medication	/medɪ'keɪʃən/
Official	/ə'fiʃəl/	Mention	/'miʃən/
Special	/'speʃəl/	Nation	/'neɪʃən/
Social	/'soːʃəl/	Compensation	/kəm pən'seɪʃən/
Suspicious	/sə'spɪʃəs/	Issue	/'ɪʃə/
Delicious	/dɪ'lɪʃəs/	Machine	/mə'ʃin/
Precious	/'preʃəs/	Michigan	/'mɪʃɪgən/
Registration	/rɛdʒɪ'stɪʃən/	Lotion	/'loːʃən/
Identification	/aɪ,dɪfɪ'keɪʃən/	Chef	/'ʃef/
Administration	/əd'mɪnɪʃtrə'tɪʃən/	Ocean	/'oːʃən/
Congratulations	/kən,grætʃə'leɪʃən/	Patient	/'peɪʃən/
Investigation	/,ɪn'ves,ɪteɪ'geɪʃən/	Patience	/'peɪʃəns/
Communication	/kə,mju'nikeɪʃən/	Shure	/'ʃʊr/
Direction	/daɪ'rekʃən/	Promotion	/prə'moʊʃən/
Pronunciation	/prənjuː'si ənʃən/	Appreciate	/ə'pri fi ət/
Discussion	/dɪ'skʌʃən/	Pressure	/'preʃər/
Expression	/ek'spreʃən/	Mention	/'miʃən/

<b>Obsession</b>	/ əb 's eʃən /	<b>Conversation</b>	/kənvə'se:ʃən /
<b>Mission</b>	/'miʃən /	<b>Dedication</b>	/dədr'ke:ʃən /
<b>Passion</b>	/'pæʃən /		

- I got an **invitation**.
- What's the **solution**?
- We have **financial** problems.
- Let's have a **conversation**.
- Follow the **registration** process.
- Great **pronunciation**.
- A new **expression**.
- I have **retention** skills.
- **She's** on **medication**.
- There's a new **issue**.
- He wants some **compensation**.
- Thank you for your **pacience**, I **appreciate** it.
- I heard you got a **promotion**. **Congratulations**.
- Don't **mention** it.

## 2.4 "ZH" Sound (/ʒ/)

The slide has a blue header with the text "consonant sound". Below it is a white box containing six words with their IPA transcriptions:

1. Vision	4. Garage
<u>ʒən</u>	<u>ʒərāj</u>
2. Decision	5. Occasion
<u>—</u>	<u>ək'seʒən</u>
3. Pleasure	6. Television
<u>ʒəs처</u>	<u>te'levizhən</u>

To the right of the slide is a drawing of the letters "Sh" and the word "AS IN VISION" in large, bold, sans-serif font.

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Word	IPA	Word	IPA
Vision	/'vɪʒən/	Leisure	/'liʒərɪ/
Decision	/dɪ'sɪʒən/	Occasion	/ə'keɪʒən/
Measure	/'mɛʒərɪ/	Precision	/prɪ'sɪʒən/
Usual	/'juʒəl/	Television	/'teləvɪʒən/
Massage	/mə'səʒ/	Version	/'vəriʒən/
Beige	/berʒ/	Confusion	/kən'fjuʒən/
Asia	/'eɪʒə/	Illusion	/ɪ'luzən/
Conclusion	/kən'kluʒən/	Supervision	/,suəpər'veɪʒən/
Division	/dɪ'viʒən/	Treasure	/'treʒərɪ/
Garage	/gə'rɑʒ/	Genre	/'ʒan..rə/
Pleasure	/'plɛʒərɪ/	Usually	/'ju:.ʒu..əli/

1. I have this **vision** of starting my own business one day, you know.
2. It was such a **pleasure** meeting you today!
3. Have you made a **decision** about the job offer?
4. I'm in total **confusion** right now. I don't understand this assignment.
5. Do you **usually** watch a lot of **television**?
6. Have you heard the acusting **version** of this song?
7. I'll check it out. I love when songs have different **versions**.
8. What's your favorite movie **genre**?

9. You should take it to the **garage** before it gets worse.
10. Do you **usually** wake up this early?
11. Hey, do you want your **usual** coffee order?
12. Of course! It's a special **occasion**.
13. Have you ever been to **Asia**?
14. I really need a **massage**. My back is killing me.
15. Can you work on this project without **supervision**?
16. What **genre** are you in the mood for ?
17. I finally made a **decision** about the apartment.

## 2.5 "CH" sound as in "chair" /tʃ/

**We usually find this sound in words spelled with "ch" like:**

- Chair
- Watch
- Choose
- Catch
- Touch
- Which
- Match
- Chance

**However, the sound can also be found in words with different spellings:**

-ture = capture, picture  
 -tion = suggestion, question.

**/tʃ/ + r**

1. Trouble	5. Travel	9. Trick
2. Train	6. Trip	10. Tree chre
3. Try chry	7. Traffic	11. Truth czuz
4. Country	8. True	12. Traffic

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Word	IPA	Word	IPA
Architecture	/'ɑ:k.tɛktʃər/	Question	/'kwes.tʃən/
Temperature	/'tem.pər.ə.tʃər/	Childish	/'tʃæl.dɪʃ/
Itch	/itʃ/	Exhaustion	/ɪg'zɔ:s.tʃən/
Switch	/switʃ/	Posture	/'pa:s.tʃər/
Culture	/'kʌl.tʃər/	Statue	/'stætʃ.u:/
Structure	/'strʌk.tʃər/	Gesture	/'dʒes.tʃər/
Furniture	/'fɜː.nə.tʃər/	Achievement	/'ə'tʃɪv.mənt/
Adventure	/'æd'ven.tʃər/	Fortune	/'fɔː.tʃn/
Signature	/'sɪg.nə.tʃər/	Unfortunately	,ʌn'fɔː.tʃn.ət.li/
Creature	/'kri:tʃər/	Christian	/'krɪs.tʃən/
Fracture	/'fræk.tʃər/	Country	/'kʌn.tri/
Immature	/'ɪm.ə.tʃʊər/	True	/tru:/
Future	/'fju:tʃər/	Traffic	/'træf.ɪk/
Picture	/'pɪk.tʃər/	Trip	/trip/
Feature	/'fi:tʃər/	Travel	/'træv.el/
Nature	/'neɪ.tʃər/	Situation	/'sɪtʃ.u'eɪ.sən/
Mature	/'mə:tʃʊər/	Chocolate	/'tʃɔ:k.lət/

A What's the **temperature** like outside?

B It's colder than I expected, so it's a good idea to bring a sweater. Are you planning to go out?

A Have you ever been on a real **adventure**?

B I went on a camping **trip** in the mountains last year. It was incredible! How about you?

A What do you love most about **travelling**?

B Experiencing new **cultures** and **trying traditional** food. Would you like to explore a specific **country** or **culture**?

A Did you get tickets for the concert?

B **Unfortunately**, it was sold out by the time I **checked**. Do you want to do something else?

A Can you send me the **picture** we took at the **beach**?

B Sure, I'll upload it to the group **chat**. Are you going to print it?

A I need you **signature** here to complete this form.

B No problem, but wait, what's this form for?

A Can I ask you a **question** about the project?

B Of course! What do you need to know?

A Do you believe in **fortune** tellers?

B Not really, but I had a great experience once at a fair. How about you?

A **Which** type of **country** would you like to visit? A cold **country** or a hot **country**?

B I'm not sure. I guess it would depend on how cold or how hot it is. Maybe...

A I heard that your friend is in a bad **situation** right now. What happened?

B Yeah, he's in **trouble** right now. You see, he...

A My cousin wants to move out and live on his own. He's 17, though.

B Hmm, are you sure he's **mature** enough to do that?

A Sometimes I think that my sister is a very **immature** person.

B Well, I guess we're all **immature** sometimes. What did she do?

A Where do you see yourself in five years?

B Hopefully, working in a job I love and building a bright **future**. How about you?

A So, George, do you prefer the city or being out in **nature**?

B Definitely **nature**. Hiking and camping are my favorite activities. You?

A You know, I'm **itching** to have a few days off from this course.

B Yeah, me too. I'm looking forward to getting up later than usual.

A Have you ever been to the US?

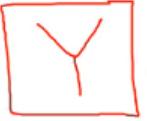
B Well, no, but if I ever go to the US, I'd love to see the **Statue** of Liberty. Where would you go if you had the **chance**?

## 2.6 "J" sound as in "Job" [dʒ]

### /dʒ/ as in job

We usually find it in the letter g or j:

- Job
- General ✓
- Jeremy
- Energy
- Cage
- Jessica
- Japanese
- Rage
- Stage
- Page



**yellow**

But it can also be found:

- Du = Graduate, education, schedule
- Die = soldier
- Dge = Bridge, judge.

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Word	IPA	Word	IPA
<b>Job</b>	/'dʒab/	<b>Imagine</b>	/ɪ'mædʒɪm/
<b>Juice</b>	/'dʒus/	<b>Change</b>	/'tʃeɪndʒ/
<b>Jump</b>	/'dʒʌmp/	<b>Judge</b>	/'dʒʌdʒ/
<b>Magic</b>	/'mædʒɪk/	<b>Apologize</b>	/ə'pɑ:lədʒæɪz/
<b>Age</b>	/'eɪdʒ/	<b>Charge</b>	/'tʃaɪdʒ/
<b>Budget</b>	/'bʌdʒɪt/	<b>General</b>	/'dʒenərəl/
<b>Soldier</b>	/'souldʒər/	<b>Join</b>	/'dʒɔɪn/
<b>Graduate</b>	/'grædʒueɪt/	<b>Enjoy</b>	/ɪn'dʒɔɪ/
<b>Education</b>	/,edʒə'keɪʃən/	<b>College</b>	/'kælidʒ/
<b>Joke</b>	/'dʒoʊk/	<b>Dangerous</b>	/'deɪndʒərəs/
<b>Procedure</b>	/prə'si:dʒər/	<b>Suggestion</b>	/sə'dʒestʃən/
<b>Original</b>	/'rɪdʒənəl/	<b>Schedule</b>	/'skedʒu:l/

1. I need to get a new **job**.
2. Would you like a glass of **juice**?
3. Let's add it to our **budget**.
4. When are you going to **graduate**?

5. I want to get some great **education**.
6. You are not following the **procedure**.
7. Is that an **original charger**?
8. I couldn't **join** the class on time.
9. I **apologize** for the incovenience.
10. Can I give you a **suggestion**?
11. My brother in law used to be a **soldier** in the army.
12. Are you happy with yor new **schedule**?
13. Honestly, that sounds like a **dangerous** thing to do.
14. I'm in **charge** of handling the company's **budget**.
15. You need to enter your **age** again and save the **changes**.

## 2.7 Final ”-age” sound as in ”package”, ”message” /dʒ/



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Word	IPA
Message	/'mesɪdʒ/
Package	/'pækɪdʒ/
Damage	/'dæmɪdʒ/
Image	/'ɪmɪdʒ/
Advantage	/əd'væntɪdʒ/
Manage	/'mænɪdʒ/
Language	/'læŋgwɪdʒ/
Beverage	/'bevrɪdʒ/
Encourage	/ɪn'kɔ:rɪdʒ/
Average	/'ævrɪdʒ/

1. I got a **message** saying that I won a pickup truck. Should I believe it?
2. Did you receive the **package** I sent you last week? It said it was delivered.
3. I can't believe you **damaged** my car. Are you going to pay for it?
4. Do you think celebrities need to have a good public **image**? Why?
5. What are some of the **advantages** of studying from home? Do you think you would prefer to study in person?
6. How do you **manage** to study for 8 hours every day?

7. As Spanish speakers, do you think we should also work on how we use our **language**?
8. What kind of **beverage** do you usually have with your breakfast or lunch?
9. How can I **encourage** someone to practice their English? Any advice?
10. On **average**, how many hours do you sleep every night?

## 2.8 "V" sound as in "very" /v/

**THE /V/ SOUND AS IN VICTOR**

The /v/ sound is the voiced version of the /f/ sound. In order to make this sound, we need to use our vocal chords and feel a vibration on our lower lip.

**Let's practice:**

- Fan – Van
- Ferry – Very
- Leaf – Leave
- Off – Of
- Fast – Vast
- Fee – V
- Fine – Vine
- Gif – Give
- Life – Live
- Proof – Prove
- Safe – Save
- Half - Have


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Word	IPA	Word	IPA
Very	/'veri/	River	/'rɪvər/
Have	/'hæv/	Service	/'sɜːrvɪs/
Leave	/'li:v/	Volume	/'vɔːljum/
Save	/'sev/	Seven	/'sevən/
Vacation	/,ver'keɪʃən/	Travel	/'trævəl/
Variety	/və'ræiəti/	Behave	/br'heiv/
Vegan	/'vi:gən/	Brave	/'breiv/
Verb	/'vɜːrb/	Drive	/'dræɪv/
View	/'vju:/	Give	/'gɪv/
Voice	/'vɔɪs/	Love	/'lʌv/
Vote	/'vout/	Move	/'mu:v/
Cover	/'kʌvər/	Of	/'ə:v/
Even	/'i:vən/	Prove	/'pru:v/
Event	/'ivent/	Serve	/'sɜːrv/
Ever	/'evər/	Sleeve	/'sli:v/
Favor	/'fervər/	Solve	/'sa:lv/
Invite	/ɪn'væit/	Stove	/'stouv/
Level	/'levəl/	Wave	/'weɪv/
Movie	/'mu:vi/	Oven	/'ʌvən/
Never	/'nevər/	Interview	/'ɪntərvi:jʊə/

<b>O</b> ver	/'oʊvər/	<b>V</b> isit	/'vɪzɪt/
<b>P</b> rivate	/'præɪvət/		

1. I'm **very** excited about my graduation.
2. Take the box and **leave** it outside.
3. Your customer **service** is excellent.
4. Are you ready for your next **interview**?
5. **Move** out of the way!
6. Could you just turn down the **volume**?
7. I **have never** seen someone so **brave**.
8. **Even** if I don't go to the **event**, I'll **give** you a present.
9. Could you do me a **favor**?
10. We had a **variety** of **activities** on our **vacation**.
11. I **love driving** around with my music on.
12. I lost my **voice** after taking calls for a day.
13. Are you **even** paying attention to me?
14. **Save** the changes and let's go watch a movie.
15. Why didn't you **invite** me to your special **event**?
16. I've **never travelled** to another country.



# Chapter 3

## Annexes

### 3.1

Sound	IPA Symbol	TIPA command (for \textipa{})
<b>Consonants</b>		
Voiceless bilabial plosive	p	p
Voiced bilabial plosive	b	b
Voiceless alveolar plosive	t	t
Voiced alveolar plosive	d	d
Voiceless velar plosive	k	k
Voiced velar plosive	g	g
Bilabial nasal	m	m
Alveolar nasal	n	n
Velar nasal	ŋ	ng
Voiceless labiodental fricative	f	f
Voiced labiodental fricative	v	v
Voiceless dental fricative	θ	\texttheta
Voiced dental fricative	ð	dh
Voiceless alveolar fricative	s	s
Voiced alveolar fricative	z	z
Voiceless postalveolar fricative	ʃ	\textsh
Voiced postalveolar fricative	ʒ	\textyogh
Voiceless glottal fricative	h	h
Voiceless postalveolar affricate	tʃ	\texttsh
Voiced postalveolar affricate	dʒ	\textyogh
Alveolar approximant	r	\textturnr
Palatal approximant	j	j
Labio-velar approximant	w	w
Alveolar lateral approximant	l	l
<b>Vowels</b>		
Close front unrounded vowel	i	i
Near-close near-front unrounded vowel	ɪ	\textsci
Close-mid front unrounded vowel	e	e
Open-mid front unrounded vowel	ɛ	\textepsilon
Near-open front unrounded vowel	æ	æ
Mid central vowel (schwa)	ə	\textschwa
Open-mid back unrounded vowel	ʌ	\textturnv