

# Phonemes

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# Chapter 1

## Vowels

### 1.1 "Nacho" sound /ʌ/

1. It's found in stressed syllables.  
(The schwa is found in weak syllables)

2. Remember that in English, we don't have the "o" sound from Spanish, so it's either the "nacho" sound, or another sound.

as in "us"

THE "NACHO" SOUND

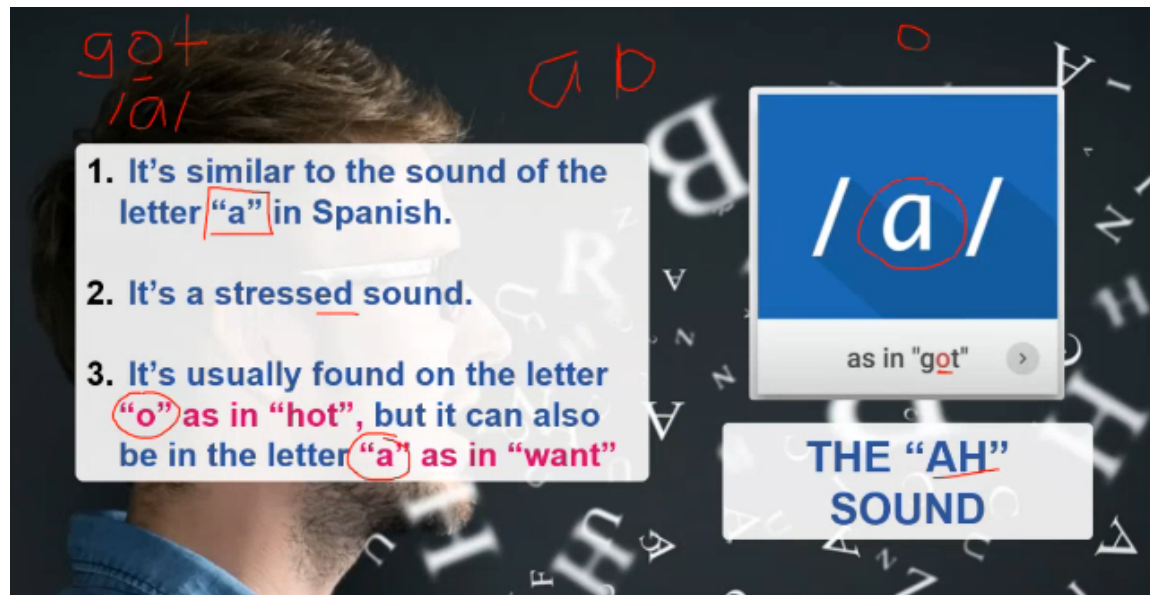
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Word	IPA	Word	IPA
Us	/ʌs/	Touch	/ˈtʌtʃ/
Cup	/ˈkʌp/	Bus	/ˈbʌs/
Dumb	/ˈdʌm/	Another	/əˈnʌðər/
Month	/ˈmʌnθ/	Other	/ˈʌðər/

Blood	/ˈblʌd/	Wonderful	/ˈwʌndəfəl/
Refund	/ˈriːfʌnd/	Come	/ˈkʌm/
Country	/ˈkʌntri/	Luck	/ˈlʌk/
Cousin	/ˈkʌzən/	Cut	/ˈkʌt/
Customer	/ˈkʌstəmər/	Love	/ˈlʌv/
Money	/ˈmʌni/	Young	/ˈjʌŋ/
Mother	/ˈmʌðər/	Enough	/ɪˈnʌf/
Some	/sʌm/	Much	/ˈmʌtʃ/
Fun	/ˈfʌn/	Run	/ˈrʌn/

- 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	/hɑt/	Job	/dʒɑb/
Cop	/kɑp/	Opportunity	/ˌɑpəˈtu:nəti/
Got	/gɑt/	John	/dʒɑn/
Boss	/bɑs/	Not	/nɑt/
Top	/tɑp/	Document	/ˈdɒkjəmənt/
Want	/wɑnt/	Doctor	/ˈdɒktə/
Box	/bɑks/	Stop	/stɑp/
Wash	/wɑʃ/	Possible	/ˈpɒsəbəl/
Bob	/bɑb/	Problem	/ˈprɒbləm/
Bottle	/ˈbɑtəl/	Body	/ˈbɒdi/
Calm	/kɑm/	Lock	/lɑk/
Concert	/ˈkɑnsərt/	Option	/ˈɒpʃən/
Clock	/klɑk/	Honest	/ˈɒnəst/
Follow	/ˈfɒləʊ/	Topic	/ˈtɒpɪk/
Dollar	/ˈdɒlə/	Product	/ˈprɒdʌkt/
Drop	/drɑp/	Pocket	/ˈpɒkət/

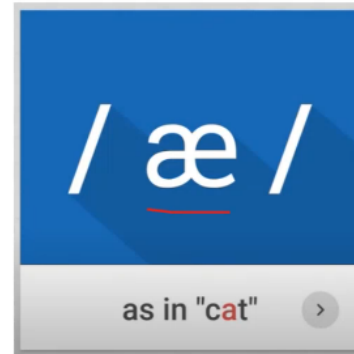
- I don't want to go out it's too **hot** outside.

- **J**ohn **g**ot a new **j**ob, so now he works as a **c**op.
- That's **n**ot a **p**roblem at all.
- **O**scar, can you put the paper in a box and leave it outside?
- I just bought an **a**partment and I have all the **d**ocuments.
- Should I be in class today? Or should I go to the **d**octor?
- Can you **s**top making all that noise?
- Is it **p**ossible to get this done today?
- I'm sorry, but that's **n**ot an **o**ption.
- Could you **d**rop Andy at Anna's house?
- **B**ob is the new **b**oss and he has a lot of **p**roblems to fix at the **o**ffice.
- The customer says he got an incorrect **p**roduct. What should I do?
- I'm not awake enough to pay attention to this **t**opic today.
- I'm going to be **h**onest; I took few **d**ollars you had in your **p**ocket.
- Make sure you **f**ollow the **p**rocess correctly this time.

### 1.3 "Pretzel" sound /æ/



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	/ˈkæt/	Cap	/ˈkæp/
Hat	/ˈhæt/	Fast	/ˈfæst/
Man	/ˈmæn/	Example	/ɪɡˈzæmpəl/
Add	/ˈæd/	Accident	/ˈæksədənt/
Manager	/ˈmænədʒər/	Saturday	/ˈsæt̩. dɪ/
Apple	/ˈæpəl/	Family	/ˈfæməli/
Ask	/ˈæsk/	Class	/ˈklæs/
Back	/ˈbæk/	Last	/ˈlæst/
Bad	/ˈbæd/	Habit	/ˈhæbɪt/
Sad	/ˈsæd/	Answer	/ˈænər/
Jacket	/ˈdʒækət/	Animal	/ˈænəməl/
Past	/ˈpæst/	Catch	/ˈkætʃ/

- 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**. *e*

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	/jɛt/
Again	/əˈɡɛn/	Mention	/ˈmɛnʃən/
Met	/mɛt/	Second	/ˈsɛkənd/
Said	/sɛd/	Credit	/ˈkrɛdɪt/
Says	/sɛz/	Seven	/ˈsɛvən/
Let	/lɛt/	Sweater	/ˈswɛtər/
Sell	/sɛl/	Swear	/ˈswɛr/
Tell	/tɛl/	Celebrity	/ˈsɛləbrɪtɪ/
Fell	/fɛl/	Bread	/ˈbrɛd/
Well	/wɛl/	Breath	/ˈbrɛθ/

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

B: I know it's 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.