

# INTERNATIONAL PHONETIC ALPHABET

English is not pronounced the way it's spelled out!

The International Phonetic Alphabet lets us work around this problem by using phonetic transcriptions.



## General American

Learn and remember the IPA with this interactive audio chart.

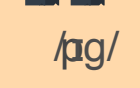
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## CONSONANTS

The 24 consonants used in standard American

p b t d k g

p



/pɪg/

t



/tʰɹet/

k



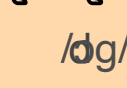
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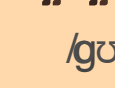
/bæɹ/

d



/dɒg/

g



/gɒt/

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θ



/ˈpæn·θɜː/

f



/fɪg/

ð



/ˈfe ðɜː/

v



/ˈbi·vɜː/

s z ʃ ʒ tʃ dʒ

s



/snek/

ʃ



/ʃp/

tʃ



/tʃɪn/

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/ˈtɛl·ə·vɪ·ʒən/

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/dʒæf/

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/wɒf/

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/ˈlɪən/

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/maʊs/

n



/ˈdaɪ·nɒsɔɹ/

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/æb·ɪt/

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/æj·k/

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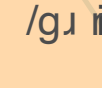
/hɜːs/

## MONOPHTHONGS

The 10 pure vowel sounds of standard American

i ʊ ɪ ʊ ə ɛ ɜː ɔ ə æ ɑ

i



/ɡɹɪn/

u



/bʌt u/

ɪ



/prɪk/

ʊ



/wɒd/

ə



/dæt/

ɛ



/ɛd/

ɜː



/ˈpɛt/

ɔ



/mɔ/

æ



/sænd/

ɑ



/kafi/

## DIPHTHONGS

The 5 vowel clusters of standard American

eɪ aɪ aʊ ɔɪ oʊ

eɪ



/dʒeɪd/

ɪ



/prɪ/

ʊ



/dʌ/

oʊ



/ɡoʊd/

ɔɪ



/ˈtɜːkɔɪ/

aɪ



/tʌm/

aʊ



/bɹaʊn/

## HELP

Legend & Tips

### STRESS

Primary stress  
Before the syllable

Secondary stress  
Also before the syllable

Syllabification  
Before an unstressed syllable

### HOW TO USE

If you're using a print or static version, visit [americanipachart.com](http://americanipachart.com) for the interactive version, with built-in audio and animations.

How to use this chart:

- Click on the phonetic symbols to listen to each sound, and click on the illustrations to listen to the sample words.
- Hold the mouse cursor over the transcriptions to see how each word is spelled.
- Practice distinguishing (discriminating) and imitating (articulating) those sounds, and you will improve your spoken English.

### MEMORIZE IT

The chart is designed around a mnemonic:

- Consonants are named after animals;
- Vowels (monophthongs and diphthongs) are named after colors.

Remember all these 24 + 10 + 5 = 39 sounds and you will know all of the sounds of standard American English (AKA General American).

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