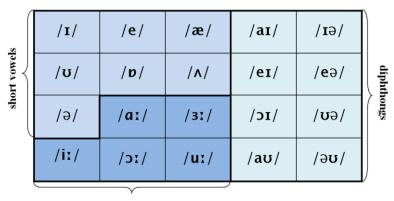
THE 44 PHONEMES OF ENGLISH

Below are the phonemes of English. These are the phonemes of Received Pronunciation, the standard "British English" transcription found in the well-known dictionaries such Longman's, Cambridge or Oxford University Press and course books used in the Czech Republic. A good dictionary will also give you the transcription of the American English pronunciation. Online dictionaries should have a sound icon and the pronunciation in both British and American accents.

/æ/ /b/ /e/ /ð/ /ɪ/ /ʌ/ /ʊ/ 7 short vowels /aɪ/ /ɔɪ/ /iɪ/ /ɜɪ/ /uɪ/ 5 long vowels /ea/ /ia/ /ei/ /ai/ /ei/ /au/ 8 diphthongs /p//b//t//d//k//g/ 6 plosives $f/ v/ \theta/ \delta/ s/ z/ f/ 3/ h/$ 9 fricatives 3 nasals /m/ /n/ /ŋ/ /tʃ/ /dʒ/ 2 affricates /1/ 1 lateral /r/ /w/ /j/ 3 approximants

There are also 5 triphthongs, which are the 5 closing diphthongs plus schwa/ ∂ /



long vowels

Chart of 20 vowels

/p/	/b/	/t/	/d/	/k/	/g/
/f/	/ v /	/θ/	/ð/	/s/	/ z /
/ʃ/	/3/	/h/	/ʧ/	/dʒ/	/1/
/m/	/n/	/ŋ/	/w/	/r/	/j/

Chart of 24 consonants