Improving Pronunciation

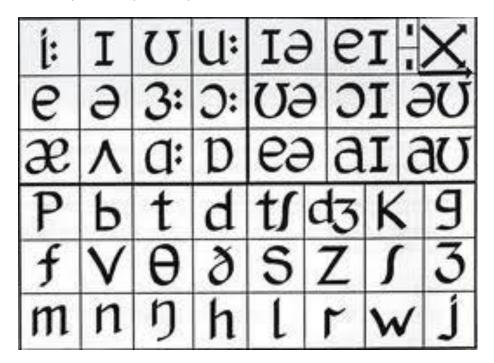
The English alphabet contains 26 letters, but there are 44 different sounds in English.

The relationship between English spelling and English pronunciation is not very clear, because:

- Some letters have more than one sound
- Sometimes letters are not pronounced at all
- The same sound may be represented by different letters
- Sometimes syllables indicated by the spelling are not pronounced at all

International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA)

It is an alphabetic system of phonetic notation.



Consonants							
/p/	/t/	/k/	/s/	/ʃ/	/tʃ/-	/f/	/0/
<u>p</u> ost	<u>t</u> ake	<u>k</u> eep	snow	<u>sh</u> oe	<u>ch</u> oice	lea <u>f</u>	<u>th</u> in
/b/	/d/	/g/	/z/	/3/	/d3/	/v/	/ð/
<u>b</u> ook	<u>d</u> octor	goal	<u>z</u> ero	mea <u>s</u> ure	jump	lea <u>v</u> e	<u>th</u> e
/h/	/m/	/n/	/ŋ/	/1/	/r/	/w/	/1/
<u>h</u> otel	<u>m</u> eet	<u>n</u> ine	bri <u>ng</u>	<u>l</u> ate	<u>r</u> ed	<u>w</u> ell	<u>y</u> es

Vowels							
/æ/	/e/	/1/	/p/	/\Delta/	/ə/		
pl <u>a</u> n	<u>e</u> nd	b <u>ig</u>	<u>jo</u> b	s <u>u</u> m	th <u>e</u>		
/ʊ/	/aː/	/31/	/iː/	/2:/	/uː/		
<u>goo</u> d	c <u>ar</u>	h <u>er</u>	f <u>ee</u>	l <u>aw</u>	t <u>oo</u>		

Diphthongs								
/aɪ/	/aʊ/	/əʊ/	/eɪ/	/eə/	/19/	/31/	/ʊə/	
wh <u>y</u>	n <u>o</u> w	go	d <u>ay</u>	c <u>are</u>	d <u>ea</u> r	en <u>joy</u>	p <u>ure</u>	