

Basics of IPA: international phonetic alphabet

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Vowels

i	meet	street
I	it	pickle
e	chaotic	
ɛ	bed	let
æ	apple	hat
a	pahk	the cahr
ɑ	father	arm
ɔ	opera	awe
o	open	snow
ʊ	look	book
u	too	school
ə	(unaccented)	consistent little suppose chasm
ʌ	(accented)	but luck
	(unaccented followed by accented)	above

Diphthongs

eI	late	may
aI	I	night
aʊ	gown	round
oʊ	go	boat
ɔi	oyster	boy
ju	you	pure

Mixed Vowels

[inside vowel + outside vowel]

Y	[i + u]	Ger: gl <u>ü</u> hen	Fr: tu
Y	[I + ʊ]	Ger: k <u>ü</u> sse	
Ø	[e + o]	Ger: sch <u>ö</u> n	Fr: pe <u>u</u>
œ	[ɛ + ɔ]	Ger: h <u>ö</u> lle	Fr: c <u>œ</u> ur

Consonants

<i>Stop-plosive</i>	<u>Unvoiced</u>	<u>Voiced</u>
	p	b
	t	d
	k	g

<i>Fricative</i>	<u>Unvoiced</u>	<u>Voiced</u>
	f	v
	s	z
	θ	ð
	ʃ	ʒ
ʧ	ʤ	
	h	

<i>Nasal</i>	m	n	ŋ	ɲ
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<i>Glides</i>	hw	w	j	r
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<i>Lateral</i>	l
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<i>Additional</i>	ʒ	ʐ	ç	x	ʎ
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θ thunder with her

ð then wither

ʃ ship ash

ʒ pleasure Jaques

ʧ church cello

ʤ jam gentle

ŋ sing sanctuary

ɲ Sp: mañana / Fr: compagnon
Latin: magnam / Eng: onion

j young yes

ʒ American (stressed): Earth bird

ʐ American (unstressed): after

ç German: ich mächen

x German: ach l'chai-im!

ʎ million (w/the tip of tongue against bottom teeth)