

Appendix 12.1

INTERNATIONAL PHONETIC ALPHABET (IPA)

IPA is a phonetic notation system that uses a set of symbols to represent each distinct sound that exists in human spoken language. This chart contains all the sounds (phonemes) used in the English language. For each sound, it gives:

- ✓ The **symbol** (for example, **ɑ:**) from the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA), as used in modern dictionaries for English learners.
- ✓ Two English **words** which use the sound (for example, ARM, FATHER). The underline shows where the sound is heard.
- ✓ Next, **AM** and/or **BR** indicates for American and British spoken English (for example, AM BR). The British version (**BR**) is given only where it is very different from the American version. The sounds can be sampled at www.antimoon.com/how/pronunc-soundsipa.htm.

VOWELS			
IPA	EXAMPLES	AM	BR
ʌ	C <u>U</u> P, L <u>U</u> CK	AM	
ɑ:	<u>A</u> RM, F <u>A</u> THER	AM	BR
æ	C <u>A</u> T, B <u>A</u> CK	AM	
e	M <u>E</u> T, B <u>E</u> D	AM	
ə	<u>A</u> WAY, C <u>I</u> N <u>E</u> M <u>A</u>	AM	
ɜ:r	T <u>U</u> RN, L <u>E</u> ARN	AM	BR
ɪ	H <u>I</u> T, S <u>I</u> T <u>T</u> I <u>N</u> G	AM	
i:	S <u>E</u> E, H <u>E</u> AT	AM	
ɒ	H <u>O</u> T, R <u>O</u> CK	AM	BR
ɔ:	C <u>A</u> LL, F <u>O</u> UR	AM	BR

VOWELS			
IPA	EXAMPLES	AM	BR
ʊ	P <u>U</u> T, C <u>O</u> U <u>L</u> D	AM	
u:	B <u>L</u> U <u>E</u> , F <u>O</u> OD	AM	
aɪ	F <u>I</u> VE, <u>E</u> Y <u>E</u>	AM	
aʊ	N <u>O</u> W, <u>O</u> U <u>T</u>	AM	
eɪ	S <u>A</u> Y, <u>E</u> I <u>G</u> H <u>T</u>	AM	
oʊ	G <u>O</u> , H <u>O</u> M <u>E</u>	AM	
ɔɪ	B <u>O</u> Y, J <u>O</u> I <u>N</u>	AM	
eə	W <u>H</u> ER <u>E</u> , <u>A</u> I <u>R</u>	AM	BR
ɪə	N <u>E</u> AR, H <u>E</u> R <u>E</u>	AM	BR
ʊə	P <u>U</u> R <u>E</u> , T <u>O</u> U <u>R</u> I <u>S</u> T	AM	BR

CONSONANTS			
IPA	EXAMPLES	AM	BR
b	B <u>A</u> D, L <u>A</u> B	AM	
d	D <u>I</u> D, L <u>A</u> D <u>Y</u>	AM	
f	F <u>I</u> ND, I <u>E</u>	AM	
g	G <u>I</u> VE, F <u>L</u> A <u>G</u>	AM	
h	H <u>O</u> W, H <u>E</u> L <u>L</u> O	AM	
j	Y <u>E</u> S, Y <u>E</u> L <u>L</u> O <u>W</u>	AM	
k	C <u>A</u> T, B <u>A</u> C <u>K</u>	AM	
l	L <u>E</u> G, L <u>I</u> T <u>T</u> L <u>E</u>	AM	
m	M <u>A</u> N, L <u>E</u> M <u>O</u> N	AM	
n	N <u>O</u> , T <u>E</u> N	AM	
ŋ	S <u>I</u> NG, F <u>I</u> NG <u>E</u> R	AM	
p	P <u>E</u> T, M <u>A</u> P	AM	
r	R <u>E</u> D, T <u>R</u> Y	AM	

CONSONANTS			
IPA	EXAMPLES	AM	BR
s	S <u>U</u> N, M <u>I</u> S <u>S</u>	AM	
ʃ	S <u>H</u> E, C <u>R</u> A <u>S</u> H	AM	
t	T <u>E</u> A, G <u>E</u> T <u>T</u> I <u>N</u> G	AM	
tʃ	C <u>H</u> E <u>C</u> K, C <u>H</u> U <u>R</u> C <u>H</u>	AM	
θ	T <u>H</u> I <u>N</u> K, B <u>O</u> T <u>H</u>	AM	
ð	T <u>H</u> I <u>S</u> , M <u>O</u> T <u>H</u> E <u>R</u>	AM	
v	V <u>O</u> I <u>C</u> E, F <u>I</u> V <u>E</u>	AM	
w	W <u>E</u> T, W <u>I</u> N <u>D</u> O <u>W</u>	AM	
z	Z <u>O</u> O, L <u>A</u> Z <u>Y</u>	AM	
ʒ	P <u>L</u> E <u>A</u> S <u>U</u> R <u>E</u> , V <u>I</u> S <u>I</u> O <u>N</u>	AM	
dʒ	J <u>U</u> ST, L <u>A</u> R <u>G</u> E	AM	