

## The IPA Symbols for English vowels

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### IPA Symbol

### General American Dialect

#### *Pure Vowels*

Forward vowels:	[i]	as in	<i>beet</i>
	[ɪ]		<i>bit</i>
	[e]		chaotic (pure [e] seldom used)
	[ɛ]		<i>bet</i>
	[æ]		<i>bat</i>
	[ɑ]		bright <i>ah</i> as in <i>father</i> (used mostly in diphthongs)
Back vowels:	[u]		<i>boot</i>
	[ʊ]		<i>book</i>
	[o]		<i>obey</i>
	[ɔ]		<i>all, cloth</i>
Central Vowels:	[ʌ]		<i>up</i> (stressed uh)
	[ə] (schwa)		<i>about</i> (unstressed uh)
	[ɝ]		<i>herd</i> (stressed, r-colored vowel)
	[ɚ]		<i>herd</i> (not r-colored)
	[ə̃]		<i>butter</i> (unstressed, r-colored vowel)

#### *Diphthongs*

[eɪ]	<i>bait</i>
[oʊ]	<i>boat</i>
[aɪ]	<i>bite</i>
[aʊ]	<i>ouch</i>
[oɪ]	<i>boy</i>
[ju]	<i>use</i>

## The IPA Symbols for English consonants

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	IPA Symbol	Sound	English Word
Stop plosives	[p]	p	pet
	[b]	b	bet
	[t]	t	toe
	[d]	d	doe
	[k]	k	kite
	[g]	g	go
Nasals	[m]	m	may
	[n]	n	no
	[ŋ]	ng	sing
Fricatives	[f]	f	foot
	[v]	v	voice
	[θ]	unvoiced th	thistle
	[ð]	voiced th	the
	[s]	s	sit
	[z]	z	zoo
	[ʃ]	unvoiced sh	shoe
	[ʒ]	voiced zh	azure
Lateral	[l]	l	lose
Glides	[r]	r	rose
	[j]	y	your
	[hw]	unvoiced w	when
	[w]	voiced w	will
Combination Consonants	[tʃ]	unvoiced ch	cheek
	[dʒ]	voiced j	judge, gin