

Guide to Pronunciation Symbols

Consonant	Sounds
/p/	pet /pet/
/b/	bed /bed/
/t/	time /taɪm/
/d/	dog /dɒg/
/k/	king /kɪŋ/
/g/	garden /'gɑ:dən/
/f/	fox, leaf /fɒks/, /li:f/
/v/	van /væn/
/s/	same /seɪm/
/z/	zebra, is /'zebrə/, /ɪz/
/l/	light /laɪt/
/m/	mat /mæt/
/n/	name /neɪm/
/h/	hot /hɒt/
/r/	red /red/
/j/	young /jʌŋ/
/w/	what /wɒt/
/θ/	bath /bɑ:θ/
/ð/	weather /weðə/
/ʃ/	fashion /'fæʃən/
/ʒ/	television /,telɪ'vɪʒən/
/tʃ/	cheap, catch /tʃi:p/, /kætʃ/
/dʒ/	jumper /'dʒʌmpə/
/ŋ/	spring /sprɪŋ/

Vowel	
/i:/	see /si:/
/ɪ/	win /wɪn/
/i/	very /'veri/
/e/	every /'evri/
/æ/	cat /kæt/
/ɑ:/	farm /fɑ:m/
/ɒ/	clock /klɒk/
/ɔ:/	wall /wɔ:l/
/ʊ/	book /bʊk/
/u:/	moon /mu:n/
/ʌ/	cup /kʌp/
/ɜ:/	world /wɜ:ld/
/ə/	letter /'letə/

Diphthong (two vowels together)	
/eɪ/	wait /weɪt/
/əʊ/	phone /fəʊn/
/aɪ/	mine /maɪn/
/aʊ/	house /haʊs/
/ɔɪ/	noise /nɔɪz/
/ɪə/	near /nɪə/
/eə/	hair /heə/
/ʊə/	pure /pjʊə/

Remember:

Sound is not the same as **spelling**, for example, the word 'is' finishes with the letter 's' but the sound is /z/.

/ɪz/ *is*

When writing the **sound** of a word (its **phonemic transcription**), always put lines like these // on either side of the word:

/væn/ *van*

Stress is shown with marks like these ' ,

' shows the primary stress in a word. For example, / ' gɑ:dən/ *garden*

, shows the secondary stress. For example, / , telɪ' vɪʒən/ *television*