

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*