

English Pronunciation Charts

Vowel Pronunciation

British Received	General American	Mid-Atlantic
[i:] ski [ski:]	[i] ski [ski]	[i] ski [ski]
[ɪ] kit [kɪt]	[ɪ] kit	[ɪ] kit
[ɛ] Ted [tɛd]	[ɛ] Ted [tɛd]	[ɛ] Ted [tɛd]
(written [e] in some dictionaries)		
[æ] had [hæd]	[æ] had [hæd]	[æ] had [hæd]
[ɒ] lot [lɒt]		
[ɑ:] father ['fɑ:ð.ə]	[ɑ] father ['fɑð.ə]	[ɑ] father ['fɑð.e]
[ɔ:] ought [ɔ:t]	[ɔ] ought [ɔt]	[ɔ] ought [ɔt]
[o] obey [o.'be:ɪ]	[o] obey [o.'be:ɪ]	[o] obey [o.'be:ɪ]
[ʊ] foot [fʊt]	[ʊ] foot [fʊt]	[ʊ] foot [fʊt]
[u:] goose [gu:s]	[u] goose [gʊs]	[u] goose [gʊs]
[ʌ] up [ʌp]	[ʌ] up [ʌp]	[ʌ] up [ʌp]
[ə] about [ə.'ba:ʊt]	[ə] about [ə.'ba:ʊt]	[ə] about [ə.'ba:ʊt]
[ɜ:] turn [tɜ:n]	[ɜ] turn [tɜn]	[ɜ] turn [tɜn]
[ə] after ['æf.tə]	[ə] after ['æf.tə]	[ɚ] after ['æf.tɚ]

Diphthongs

[a:ɪ] night [na:ɪt]	[a:ɪ] night [na:ɪt]	[a:ɪ] night [na:ɪt]
[a:ʊ] down [da:ʊn]	[a:ʊ] down [da:ʊn]	[a:ʊ] down [da:ʊn]
[e:ɪ] tame [te:ɪm]	[e:ɪ] tame [te:ɪm]	[e:ɪ] tame [te:ɪm]
[ə:ʊ] note [nə:ʊt]	[o:ʊ] note [no:ʊt]	[o:ʊ] note [no:ʊt]
[ɔ:ɪ] boy [bɔ:ɪ]	[ɔ:ɪ] boy [bɔ:ɪ]	[ɔ:ɪ] boy [bɔ:ɪ]

R-colored diphthongs

[ɑ:ə] are [ɑ:ə]	[ɑ:ə̃] are [ɑ:ə̃]	[ɑɚ] are [ɑɚ]
[ɛ:ə] air [ɛ:ə]	[ɛ:ə̃] air [ɛ:ə̃]	[ɛɚ] air [ɛɚ]
[ɪ:ə] fear [fɪ:ə]	[ɪ:ə̃] fear [fɪ:ə̃]	[ɪɚ] fear [fɪɚ]
[ɔ:ə] for [fɔ:ə]	[ɔ:ə̃] for [fɔ:ə̃]	[ɔɚ] for [fɔɚ]

Triphthongs

[a:ɪə] choir [kwa:ɪə]	[a:ɪə̃] choir [kwa:ɪə̃]	[a:ɪɚ] choir [kwa:ɪɚ]
[a:ʊə] power [pa:ʊə]	[a:ʊə̃] power [pa:ʊə̃]	[a:ʊɚ] power [pa:ʊɚ]

Consonant Pronunciation

The following symbols are identical to the letters of the English alphabet:

[b], [d], [f], [g], [h], [k], [l], [m], [n], [p], [s], [t], [v], [w], [z]

The following IPA symbols are used in English transcription for specific sounds found in the language.

[ŋ]	singing ['sɪŋ.ɪŋ], think [θɪŋk]
[θ]	thin [θɪn], thought [θɔt]
[ð]	the [ðʌ], this [ðɪs]
[j]	yes [jɛs], you [ju]
[w]	when [wɛn], white [waɪt]
[ʒ]	vision ['vɪʒ.ən], azure ['æʒ.ʊə]
[ʃ]	shin [ʃɪn], she [ʃi]
[tʃ]	chin [tʃɪn], cheese [tʃiːz]
[dʒ]	joy [dʒɔɪ], Jim [dʒɪm]
[x]	loch [lɔx]
[ɹ] (retroflex)	red [ɹɛd], train [tɹeɪn]
[ɹ] (flipped)	very ['vɛɹ.i], forever [fɔɹ.'ɛv.ə]
[r] (trilled)	rolling ['rɔ:ʊl.ɪŋ], ring [rɪŋ]

Prosodic marks

- [ˈ] primary stress, as in *very* ['vɛɹ.i], *about* [ə.'ba:ʊt]
- [,] secondary stress, as in *repaint* [,ɹi.'peɪnt]
- [.] syllable division, as in *happy* ['hæp.i]

Italic symbols

Italic symbols are optional sounds, which may be pronounced or omitted, as in *fancy* ['fæɪn.tsi].

Symbols in parenthesis

Symbols found in parenthesis are standard optional pronunciations, as in *exhibit* [ɪ(ɛ)g.'zɪb.ɪt].