

Pronunciation: English Sounds

Vowel sounds (20)	Consonant sounds (24)
but, luck	bed, lab
part, father	do, hand
cat, black	five, if
men, bed	go, leg
America, teacher	hello, how
word, learn	yes, yellow
sit, thick	kilo, cat
see, heat	live, little
my, five	milk, lemon
not, rock	no, ten
go, home	sing, long
sort, daughter	pig, map
tour, sure	read, try
book, put	six, miss
too, blue	short, cash
how, out	church, chips
wear, air	time, letter
day, eight	think, both
here, near,	the, mother
boy, join	very, five
	window, white
	zoo, lazy
	casual, vision
	judge, large

The International Phonetic Alphabet

The above list of sounds has been formalized into the “International Phonetic Alphabet” (IPA). It is a phonetic notation system based on the Latin alphabet. It was created by the International Phonetic Association in 1888 as a standardized representation of the sounds of spoken English. The IPA is used by lexicographers, foreign language students and teachers, linguists, speech-language pathologists, singers, actors and translators.

Vowel sounds (20):

ɪ SEE	ɪ SIT	ʊ BOOK	uː TOO	ɪə HERE	eɪ DAY	
e MEN	ə AMERICA	ɜː WORD	ɔː SORT	ʊə TOUR	ɔɪ BOY	əʊ GO
æ a CAT	ʌ BUT	ɑː PART	ɒ NOT	eə WEAR	aɪ MY	aʊ HOW

Consonant sounds (24):

p PIG	b BED	t TIME	d DO	tʃ CHURCH	dʒ JUDGE	k KILO	g GO
f FIVE	v VERY	θ THINK	ð THE	s SIX	z ZOO	ʃ SHORT	ʒ CASUAL
m MILK	n NO	ŋ SING	h HELLO	l LIVE	r READ	w WINDOW	j YES

When using the IPA to assist pronunciation, we use the symbol ['] to indicate that the subsequent syllable is the tonic syllable (main stress), and the symbol [,] to indicate that the subsequent syllable is the sub-tonic syllable. English words have only one or two tonic (stressed) syllables. For example:

“available” --> ə'veɪləbl
 “unavailable” --> ,ʌnə'veɪləbl

Phrases for vowel pronunciation practise:

- I: The bee sees me make tea for Dee.
- I Dick sits on the bin in the kitchen.
- ʊ Look – he took the book from the rook!
- U: You two got the flu, too.
- Iə I fear there is no beer here.
- eɪ The rain in Spain falls mainly on the plain.
- e Fred said that Ted is on the bed.
- ə Rodger is a teacher in America.
- ɜ: I heard that I must learn the third turn.
- ɔ: You ought to sort the four laws of the court.
- ʊə Are you sure the tour is pure?
- ɔɪ Oi! Your toy annoys the boy from Troy.
- ʊə Tony goes home slowly on a pony.
- æ The cat sat on the mat.
- ʌ For fun, place the butter under the cup.
- ɑ: Art in the heart is far from the stars.
- ɒ Tom is hot - he can not stop the cops.
- eə Clair is fair and she wears flares on the stairs.
- ɑɪ My flight is five in the night – I'll try not to cry during the flight.
- ɑʊ How are you now, brown cow?

Phonetic Exercise. Write the English words:

- 'sɪəriəs _____
- 'keəfʊl _____
- kən'fju:zd _____
- 'dʒenərəs _____
- dɪ'tɜ:mɪnd _____
- streɪndʒ _____
- breɪv _____
- 'dʒentl̩ _____
- 'ɒnɪst _____
- 'kjʊəriəs _____
- flɒ: _____
- 'bɑ:θru:m _____
- 'kɪtʃɪn _____
- 'selə _____
- ˌʌp'set _____
- 'mʌfrʊm _____
- bi:n _____
- 'kæbɪdʒ _____
- pə'teɪtʊ _____
- ˌθɜ:'ti:n _____
- nəʊz _____
- 'fju:ldə _____

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