

International Phonetic Alphabet : Pronunciation Key

In order to check the pronunciation of any word, you can go to <http://www.reference.com/>, type the word and then click on the microphone icon : The word will be read aloud to you.

Alternatively, you can learn to *read* the pronunciation symbols of the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) using the explanations below :

Stress marks: // indicates primary stressed syllable follows; / / indicates secondary stressed syllable follows, as in **news·pa·per** /'nuz,peɪ pə/ and **in·for·ma·tion** /,ɪn fər'meɪʃən/

CONSONANTS

/b/	boy, baby, rob
/d/	do, ladder, bed
/dʒ/	jump, budget, age
/f/	food, offer, safe
/g/	get, bigger, dog
/h/	happy, ahead
/k/	can, speaker, stick
/l/	let, follow, still
/m/	make, summer, time
/n/	no, dinner, thin
/ŋ/	singer, think, long
/p/	put, apple, cup
/r/	run, marry, far, store
/s/	sit, city, passing, face
/ʃ/	she, station, push
/t/	top, better, cat
/tʃ/	church, watching, nature, witch
/θ/	thirsty, nothing, math
/ð/	this, mother, breathe
/v/	very, seven, love
/w/	wear, away
/ ^h w/	where, somewhat
/y/	yes, onion
/z/	zoo, easy, buzz
/ʒ/	measure, television, beige

VOWELS

/æ/	apple, can, hat
/eɪ/	aid, hate, day
/ɑ/	arm, father, aha
/ɛər/	air, careful, wear
/ɔ/	all, or, talk, lost, saw
/aʊər/	hour
/ɛ/	ever, head, get
/i/	eat, see, need
/ɪər/	ear, hero, beer
/ər/	teacher, afterward, murderer
/ɜr/	early, bird, stirring
/ɪ/	it, big, finishes
/aɪ/	I, ice, hide, deny
/aɪər/	fire, tired
/ɒ/	odd, hot, waffle
/oʊ/	owe, road, below
/u/	ooze, food, soup, sue
/ʊ/	good, book, put
/ɔɪ/	oil, choice, toy
/aʊ/	out, loud, how
/ʌ/	up, mother, mud
/ə/	about, animal, problem, circ

Source:

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