

Phonetic alphabet

Below are all the symbols used during the course to identify sounds. This is the alphabet you will see used in many dictionaries.

Vowels and diphthongs (combined vowel sounds)	Consonants
i: cheap /tʃi:p/	p pen /pen/
i easy /'i:zi/	b boy /bɔɪ/
ɪ hit /hɪt/	t ten /ten/
e pen /pen/	d day /deɪ/
æ map /mæp/	k cow /kaʊ/
ɑ: card /kɑ:d/	g go /gəʊ/
ɒ got /gɒt/	tʃ chip /tʃɪp/
ɔ: law /lɔ:/	dʒ judge /dʒʌdʒ/
ʊ good /gʊd/	f few /fju:/
u annual /'ænjʊəl/	v very /veri/
u: blue /blu:/	θ think /θɪŋk/
ʌ love /lʌv/	ð this /ðɪs/
ɜ: turn /tɜ:n/	s say /seɪ/
ə allow /ə'laʊ/	z zero /'zɪərəʊ/
eɪ pay /peɪ/	ʃ shop /ʃɒp/
əʊ no /nəʊ/	ʒ vision /'vɪʒn/
aɪ drive /draɪv/	h help /help/
aʊ now /naʊ/	m men /men/
ɔɪ toy /tɔɪ/	n nine /naɪn/
ɪə here /hɪə(r)/	ŋ ring /rɪŋ/
eə care /keə(r)/	l late /leɪt/
ʊə cure /kjʊə(r)/	r read /ri:d/
	j usual /'ju:ʒʊəl/
	w wet /wet/

An /r/ indicates that in British English the /r/ is pronounced only if it is followed by a vowel sound. In American English the /r/ is always pronounced.

The symbol /' shows the main stress in a word, e.g. **business** /'bɪznɪs/.