

Key to phonetic symbols for English

RP Gen Consonants

Am

- • p pen, copy, happen
- • b back, bubble, job
- • t tea, tight, button
- • t̪ city, better
- • d day, ladder, odd
- • k key, cock, school
- • g get, giggle, ghost

- • tʃ church, match, nature
- • dʒ judge, age, soldier

- • f fat, coffee, rough, physics
- • v view, heavy, move
- • θ thing, author, path
- • ð this, other, smooth
- • s soon, cease, sister
- • z zero, zone, roses, buzz
- • ʃ ship, sure, station
- • ʒ pleasure, vision
- • h hot, whole, behind

- • m more, hammer, sum
- • n nice, know, funny, sun
- • ŋ ring, long, thanks, sung

- • l light, valley, feel
- • r right, sorry, arrange

- • j yet, use, beauty
- • w wet, one, when, queen

In foreign words only:

- • x loch, chutzpah
- • † Llanelli, Hluhluwe

RP Gen Vowels

Am

- • ɪ kit, bid, hymn
- • e dress, bed
- • æ trap, bad
- • ɒ lot, odd, wash
- • ʌ strut, bud, love
- • ʊ foot, good, put

- • i: fleece, sea, machine
- • eɪ face, day, steak
- • aɪ price, high, try
- • ɔɪ choice, boy

- • u: goose, two, blue
- • əʊ goat, show, no
- • oʊ goat, show, no
- • ɒʊ variant in cold
- • aʊ mouth, now
- • ɪə near, here, serious
- • eə square, fair, various
- • ɑ: start, father
- • ɔ: lot, odd
- • ɔɪ thought, law
- • ɔɪ north, war
- • ʊə cure, poor, jury
- • ɜ: nurse, stir
- • ɜ:ɪ nurse, stir, courage

- • i happy, radiation, glorious
- • ə about, comma, common
- • u influence, situation, annual

- • ɪ intend, basic
- • ʊ stimulus

In foreign words only:

- • ð grand prix, chanson
- • ñ: grand prix, chanson
- • æ vingt-et-un
- • ʒ: vingt-et-un