

Pronunciation bank

Part 1 | English phonemes

Consonants

Symbol	Key word	Symbol	Key word
p	park	s	sell
b	bath	z	zoo
t	tie	ʃ	fresh
d	die	ʒ	measure
k	cat	h	hot
g	give	m	mine
tʃ	church	n	not
dʒ	judge	ŋ	sing
f	few	l	lot
v	visit	r	road
θ	throw	j	yellow
ð	they	w	warm

Vowels

Symbol	Key word	Symbol	Key word
i:	feet	əʊ	gold
ɪ	fit	aɪ	by
e	bed	aʊ	brown
æ	bad	ɔɪ	boy
ɑ:	bath	ɪə	here
ɒ	bottle	eə	hair
ɔ:	bought	ʊə	sure
ʊ	book	eɪə	player
u:	boot	əʊə	lower
ʌ	but	aɪə	tired
ɜ:	bird	aʊə	flower
ə	brother	ɔɪə	employer
eɪ	grey	i:	happy

Part 2 | Sound-spelling correspondences

In English, we can spell the same sound in different ways, for example, the sound /i:/ can be 'ee', as in *green*, 'ea' as in *read* or 'ey' as in *key*. Students of English sometimes find English spelling difficult, but there are rules and knowing the rules can help you. The chart below gives you the more common spellings of the English sounds you have studied in this book.

Sound	Spelling	Examples
/ɪ/	i	this listen
	y	gym typical
	ui e	build guitar pretty
/i:/	ee	green sleep
	ie	niece believe
	ea	read teacher
	e	these complete
	ey ei i	key money receipt receive police
/æ/	a	can man pasta land
	a ar	can't dance* scarf bargain
/ɑ:/	al	half
	au	aunt laugh
	ea	heart
/ʌ/	u	fun sunny husband
	o	some mother month
	ou	cousin double young
/ɒ/	o	hot pocket top
	a	watch what want
/ɔ:/	or	short sport store
	ou	your course bought
	au	daughter taught
	al	bald small always
	aw	draw jigsaw
	ar oo	warden warm floor indoor
/aɪ/	i	like time island
	y	dry shy cycle
	ie	fries die tie
	igh	light high right
	ei	height
	ey uy	eyes buy
/eɪ/	a	lake hate shave
	ai	wait train straight
	ay	play say stay
	ey	they grey obey
	ei ea	eight weight break
/əʊ/	o	home phone open
	ow	show throw own
	oa	coat road coast
	ol	cold told

* In American English the sound in words like *can't* and *dance* is the shorter /æ/ sound, like *can* and *man*.