

The International Phonetic Alphabet

IPA

There are symbols of the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) as they are used in singing English. They are given in this order: vowels, semivowels, and consonants.

International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) Symbol	English equivalent sound spelling underlined
Vowels	
[i]	<u>see</u>
[ɪ]	s <u>it</u>
[e]	ch <u>a</u> otic
[ɛ]	l <u>e</u> t
[æ]	ca <u>t</u>
[ɑ]	fa <u>th</u> er
[ʌ]	sh <u>u</u> t
[ə]	<u>a</u> bout
[o]	<u>o</u> bey
[õ]	French nasal, no English equivalent; sing a pure [o] with a lowered soft palate
[ɔ]	ya <u>wn</u>
[ʊ]	pu <u>t</u> , bo <u>o</u> k
[u]	no <u>o</u> n
[ai]	li <u>gh</u> t
[au]	ho <u>w</u>

Consonants

[b]	<u>b</u> ee
[d]	<u>d</u> og
[f]	<u>f</u> rank
[g]	<u>g</u> ood
[h]	<u>h</u> at
[k]	<u>k</u> ite
[l]	<u>l</u> ea <u>f</u>
[m]	<u>m</u> om
[n]	<u>n</u> o
[ŋ]	<u>in</u> k or <u>ran</u> g
[¹ ŋ] [^ɞ ŋ] or [^o ŋ]	used to denote the subtle tongue changes in the [ŋ] in words like <u>sin</u> g, <u>san</u> g and <u>son</u> g
[p]	<u>p</u> et
[r]	<u>r</u> ed
[s]	<u>s</u> it
[ʃ]	<u>sh</u> ine
[t]	<u>t</u> ip
[θ]	<u>th</u> ing
[ð]	<u>th</u> ese
[v]	<u>v</u> ictory
[w]	<u>w</u> ater
[hw]	<u>wh</u> ite
[j]	<u>y</u> es
[z]	<u>z</u> ebra
[ʒ]	<u>vi</u> sion

