

IPA – International Phonetic Alphabet

ɪ READ	ɪ SIT	ʊ BOOK	uː TOO	ɪə HERE	eɪ DAY	John & Sarah Free Materials 1996	
e MEN	ə AMERICA	ɜː WORD	ɔː SORT	tʊə TOUR	ɔɪ BOY	əʊ GO	
æ CAT	ʌ BUT	ɑː PART	ɒ NOT	eə WEAR	aɪ MY	aʊ HOW	
p PIG	b BED	t TIME	d DO	tʃ CHURCH	dʒ JUDGE	k KILO	g GO
f FIVE	v VERY	θ THINK	ð THE	s SIX	z ZOO	ʃ SHORT	ʒ CASUAL
m MILK	n NO	ŋ SING	h HELLO	l LIVE	r READ	w WINDOW	j YES

IPA examples.

/ʌ/ cup, luck
 /ɑː/ arm, father
 /æ/ cat, black
 /e/ met, bed
 /ə / away, cinema
 /ɜːː/ turn, learn
 /ɪ / hit, sitting
 /iː/ see, heat
 /ɒ/ hot, rock
 /ɔː/ call, four
 /ʊ/ put, could
 /uː/ blue, food
 /aɪ/ five, eye
 /aʊ/ now, out
 /eɪ/ say, eight
 /ə ʊ/ go, home
 /ɔɪ/ boy, join
 /eəː/ where, air
 /ɪəː/ near, here
 /ʊəː/ pure, tourist

PLOSIVES

Made by completely blocking the air in the mouth followed by an explosion of air

/p/ park, stop
 /b/ best, lob
 /t/ time, might
 /d/ done, paid
 /k/ cart, lake
 /g/ guide, flag

FRICATIVES

Made by pushing the air through a gap in the mouth, creating a friction sound

/f/ fine, knife
 /v/ van, leave
 /θ/ think, path
 /ð/ those, bathe
 /s/ sort, pass
 /z/ zone, cheese
 /ʃ/ ship, marsh
 /ʒ/ measure

AFRICATES

Resulting from the plosive sound followed by a fricative sound

/tʃ/ chart, itch
 /dʒ/ giant, page

NASALS

Made partly through the nose

/m/ main lime
 /n/ no rain
 /ŋ/ - sing

GLIDE/APROXIMANT

Imbetween a vowel and a consonant, as the air is not fully blocked

/w/ wall /r/ right /j/ yes

GLOTAL

Produced in the glottis

/h/ hat