

ADVANCED PHONETIC GUIDE

International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) Reference for English

VOWELS & MONOPHTHONGS

IPA	Example Words	Articulatory Description
/iː/	Fleece, See	Close front unrounded vowel
/e/	Kit, Bid	Near-close near-front unrounded
/æ/	Trap, Bad	Near-open front unrounded
/ə/	Comma, About	Mid central (Schwa)

DIPHTHONGS

/eɪ/	Face, Day	Closing glide toward /e/
/aɪ/	Price, High	Open central to near-close front
/aʊ/	Mouth, Now	Open central to near-close back

COMPLEX CONSONANTS

IPA	Example Words	Articulatory Description
/θ/	Thought, Bath	Voiceless dental fricative
/ð/	This, Father	Voiced dental fricative
/ʃ/	Shoe, Mission	Voiceless postalveolar fricative

IPA	Example Words	Articulatory Description
/tʃ/	Church, Match	Voiceless postalveolar affricate
/ŋ/	Sing, Ring	Voiced velar nasal