

(Pronunciation Guide)

Consonants

p	pen	/pen/
b	bad	/bæd/
t	tea	/ti:/
d	did	/dɪd/
k	cat	/kæt/
g	get	/get/
tʃ	chain	/tʃeɪn/
dʒ	jam	/dʒæm/
f	fall	/fɔ:l/
v	van	/væn/
θ	thin	/θɪn/
ð	this	/ðɪs/
s	see	/si:/
z	zoo	/zu:/
ʃ	shoe	/ʃu:/
ʒ	vision	/'vɪʒn/
h	hat	/hæt/
m	man	/mæn/
n	now	/naʊ/
ŋ	sing	/sɪŋ/
l	leg	/leg/
r	red	/red/
j	yes	/jes/
w	wet	/wet/

The symbol (r) indicates that British pronunciation will have /r/ only if a vowel sound follows directly at the beginning of the next word, as in *far away*; otherwise the /r/ is omitted. For American English, all the /r/ sounds should be pronounced.

Vowels and diphthongs

i:	see	/si:/
i	happy	/'hæpi/
ɪ	sit	/sɪt/
e	bed	/bed/
æ	cat	/kæt/
ɑ:	father	/'fɑ:ðə(r)/
ɒ	got	/gɒt/ (<i>British English</i>)
ɔ:	saw	/sɔ:/
ʊ	put	/pʊt/
u	actual	/'æktʃuəl/
u:	too	/tu:/
ʌ	cup	/kʌp/
ɜ:	fur	/fɜ:(r)/
ə	about	/ə'baʊt/
eɪ	say	/seɪ/
əʊ	go	/gəʊ/
aɪ	my	/maɪ/
ɔɪ	boy	/bɔɪ/
aʊ	now	/naʊ/
ɪə	near	/nɪə(r)/ (<i>British English</i>)
eə	hair	/heə(r)/ (<i>British English</i>)
ʊə	pure	/pjʊə(r)/ (<i>British English</i>)