

## International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA)

The **International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA)** is a system where each symbol is associated with a particular English sound. By using IPA you can know exactly how to pronounce a certain word in English. This helps in improving English pronunciation and feeling more confident speaking in English, whether you learn English on your own or with a specialist teacher in a class.

Here are examples of IPA use in common English words. You can practice various vowel and consonant sounds by pronouncing the words. This is one way how you can improve English pronunciation.

### Short Vowels

IPA Symbol	Word examples
ɛ, e	Went, intend, send, letter.
æ	Cat, hand, nap, flat, have.
ʌ	Fun, love, money, one, London, come
ʊ	Put, look, should, cook, book, look.
ɒ	Rob, top, watch, squat, sausage.
ə	Alive, again, mother.

### Long Vowels

IPA Symbol	Word examples
i:	Need, beat, team.
ɜ:	Nurse, heard, third, turn.
ɔ:	Talk, law, bored, yawn, jaw.
u:	Few, boot, lose, gloomy, fruit, chew.
ɑ:	Fast, car, hard, bath.

### Diphthong Vowels (iki sesli)

IPA Symbol	Word examples
ɪə	Near, ear, clear, tear, beer, fear
eə	Hair, there, care, stairs, pear
eɪ	Face, space, rain, case, eight
ɔɪ	Joy, employ, toy, coil, oyster.
aɪ	My, sight, pride, kind, flight
əʊ	No, don't, stones, alone, hole
aʊ	Mouth, house, brown, cow, out

### Consonants Sounds: Fricatives (sürtünmeli)

IPA Symbol	Word examples
f	Full, Friday, fish, knife.
v	Vest, village, view, cave.
θ	Thought, Think, Bath.
ð	There, those, brothers, others.
z	Zoo, crazy, lazy, zigzag, nose.
ʃ	Shirt, rush, shop, cash.
ʒ	Television, delusion, casual
h	High, help, hello.

### Consonants Sounds: Plosives (patlamalı)

IPA Symbol	Word examples
p	Pin, cap, purpose, pause.
b	Bag, bubble, build, robe.
t	Time, train, tow, late.
d	Door, day, drive, down, feed.
k	Cash, quick, cricket, sock.
g	Girl, green, grass, flag.

### Consonants Sounds: Affricates (patlamalı-sızmalı)

IPA Symbol	Word examples
tʃ	Choose, cheese, church, watch.
dʒ	Joy, juggle, juice, stage.

### Consonants Sounds: Nasals (genizden, burundan)

IPA Symbol	Word examples
m	Room, mother, mad, more.
n	Now, nobody, knew, turn.
ŋ	King, thing, song, swimming.

### Consonants Sounds: Approximants

IPA Symbol	Word examples
r	Road, roses, river, ring, ride.
j	Yellow, usual, tune, yesterday, yard.
w	Wall, walk, wine, world.
l and ɫ	Law, lots, leap, long, pill, cold, chill, melt.