

PHONETIC SYMBOLS FOR RP

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The chart below gives the phonetic symbols for all the sounds of RP (Standard English). Each line shows an illustrative word for the sound, and its IPA (International Phonetic Alphabet) symbol. Asterisks in the illustrative word mark off the sound referred to, where there might be doubt.

'Short' vowel sounds

KIT	ɪ
DRESS	ɛ
TRAP	æ
LOT	ɒ
STRUT	ʌ
FOOT	ʊ
COMM*A*	ə
HAPP*Y*	ɪ
CAS*U*AL	u

'Long' vowel sounds

FLEECE	i:
GOOSE	u:
NURSE	ɜ:
BATH	ɑ:
THOUGHT	ɔ:
FACE	eɪ
PRICE	aɪ
CHOICE	ɔɪ
GOAT	əʊ
GOAL	ɒʊ
MOUTH	æʊ
NEAR	ɪə
SQUARE	ɛə
CURE	ʊə

Consonant sounds

CHIN	tʃ
GIN	dʒ
THIN	θ
THIS	ð
SHIN	ʃ
MEA*S*URE	ʒ
THI*NG*	ŋ
YES	j
RORY	r
BU*TT*ER	ʔ Glottal stop, used instead of t

Other symbols

A*LONG*	'	Stressed syllable	ə'ləŋ
LIT*TLE*	,	Syllabic consonant	'lɪtɫ

The letters **b d f g h k l m n p s t v w z** have their normal English consonant-sounds.