

PHONETIC SYMBOLS FOR SCOTTISH ENGLISH

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The chart below gives the phonetic symbols for all the sounds of Scottish 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.

Vowel sounds	Vowel sounds before 'r'	Consonant sounds
ɛ KIT	ɪɹ NEAR	tʃ CHIN
ɛ DRESS	eɹ SQUARE	dʒ GIN
ɛ̃ NEVER	ʌɹ NURSE	θ THIN
ɑ TRAP	oɹ FORCE	ð THIS
ə COMM*A*	ɔɹ NORTH	ʃ SHIN
ɔ LOT	ʉɹ CURE	ʒ MEA*S*URE
ʌ STRUT	əɹ LETTER	ŋ THI*NG*
ʉ FOOT		j YES
ɪ FLEECE		x LO*CH*
e FACE		
o GOAT		
əɪ PRICE		
ae PRIZE		
ɔe CHOICE		
ʌʉ MOUTH		
e HAPP*Y*		

ɹ RORY (Also ɹ tap and ɹ trill)

ɱ WHAT (Voiceless 'w')

ʔ BU*TT*ER (Glottal stop, used instead of t)

Other symbols

' A*LONG* Stressed syllable ə'lɔŋ

, LITT*L*E Syllabic consonant 'lɪtɭ

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