

Vowels

Symbols for the Acapela British English vowels

Symbol	Word	Phonetic text	Comment
A:	father	f A:1 D @	
O:	four	f O:1	
l	bit	b l1 t	
i:	neat	n i:1 t	
u:	zoo	z u:1	
V	hut	h V1 t	
U	put	p_h U1 t	
{	pat	p_h {1 t	
e	net	n e1 t	
@	allow	@ l aU1	
el	main	m el1 n	
al	high	h al1	
OI	boy	b OI1	
@U	nose	n @U1 z	
aU	pout	p_h aU1 t	
3:	fur	f 3:1	
Q	dot	d Q1 t	
l@	near	n l@1	
e@	there	D e@1	
U@	sure	S U@1	
i	locally	l @U1 k @ l i	
u	punctual	p_h V1 N k tS u @ L	
A~	renaissance	r e n el1 s A~ s	French vowel
E~	vin	v E~1	French vowel
O~	avignon	{1 v i n j O~	French vowel

l=	battleaxe	b {1 t l= { k s	only before vowels
L=	battle	b {1 t L=	word finally or before consonants
m=	atheism	el1 T i l z m=	
n=	sudden	s V1 d n=	
r=	history	h l1 s t r= i	

Consonants

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Symbol	Word	Phonetic text	Comment
b	bad	b {1 d	
t	stop tomorrow	s t Q1 p t @ m Q1 r @U	
t_h	top	t_h Q1 p	
p	sport potato	s p O:1 t p @ t_h el1 t @U	
p_h	pad	p_h {1 d	
d	date	d el1 t	
k	scone campaign	s k Q1 n k { m p_h el1 n	
k_h	cone	k_h @U1 n	
g	gag	g {1 g	
m	man	m {1 n	
n	nose	n @U1 z	
r	rose	r @U1 z	
l	let	l e1 t	
L	adult	{1 d V L t	
N	ring	r l1 N	
f	fat	f {1 t	
v	vote	v @U1 t	

s	sat	s {1 t	
z	zoo	z u:1	
S	shin	S l1 n	
tS	chin	tS l1 n	
Z	measure	m e1 Z @	
dZ	gin	dZ l1 n	
D	this	D l1 s	
T	thin	T l1 n	
w	wait	w e1 t	
j	yacht	j Q1 t	
h	hit	h l1 t	
hj	exhume	e k s hj u:1 m	
hl	Llandaff	hl {1 n d @ f	Welsh allophone
x	loch	l Q1 x	Scottish allophone

Lexical stress

A lexical accent is used to indicate the level of prominence (or emphasis) of a syllable in a word. In British English, some words can be differentiated by the position of this lexical accent.

Glottal stop

A glottal stop, represented by the phonetic symbol /ʔ/, is a small sound which is often used to separate two words when the second word starts with a stressed vowel. This sound can be inserted in a transcription in order to improve the pronunciation.

Pause

An underscore /_/_ in a phonetic transcription generates a small pause.