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IPA symbols: English Consonants with Examples

Sound (IPA)		Examples (Spelling)		
	name of IPA symbol	Word-initial	Word-medial	Word-final
[p]		p ay	app p le	leap p
[t]		t ie	att t ach	list t
[k]		k ite	soc k er	back k
[b]		b oy	rob b er	tub b
[d]		d ay	ad d ore	road d
[g]		g oal	wag g on	egg g
[m]		m ee t	hum m an	hom m e
[n]		n ow	sun n y	can n
[ŋ]	eng	**	son g	ring er
[f]		f ile	aff f ord	graph f
[v]		v ow	ov v en	hav v e
[θ]	theta	th igh	eth th	breath th
[ð]	eth	th y	eth th er	breat th e
[s]		s ee	ac s id	loss s
[z]		z oo	las z er	jazz z
[ʃ]	esh	sh ow	act sh ion	quic sh e
[ʒ]		Zsa-Zsa	meas z ure	roug z e (for some)
[l]		l ow	al l ight	feel l
[w]		w ay	pow w er	**
[ɹ]		r ay	ar r ise	shor r e
[j]	yod	y es	mill y ion	**
[h]		h oe	ex h ale	**
[tʃ]		ch eer	mat ch	lunch ch
[dʒ]		j et	maj j or	carriage j
[ʔ]	glottal stop	found in the middle of <i>uh-oh</i> , also, in some English dialects, as a variant of [t]. More on this later.		

Never write a 'c' or a 'y' or an 'x' in any of your English transcriptions! English doesn't have the sounds that those symbols stand for in the IPA.