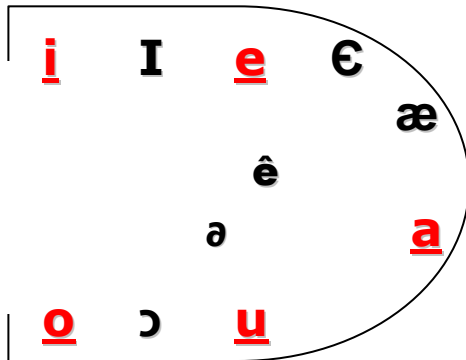


INTERNATIONAL PHONETIC ALPHABET

Common English Vowels:

FRONT ← → BACK



Understanding the **SHAPE** of the **MOUTH** helps to know where Vowels are located:

- Front
- Back
- Top
- Bottom
- Closed
- Open

_ Vowel = 5 Basic vowels sounds

Vowel Symbol:	Basic Pronunciation:
i	He, she, me, see, tree, these, feet, teeth, week, ink, link, think, sink, drink, read, key
I	It, hit, sit, is, his, this, in, win, thin, if, with, whiff, list, fist,
e	Date, gate, late, take, make, rake, plane, wait, bait, train, game, weight, freight
ɛ	Get, set, let, net, wet, yet, bet, fret, read, led, said, dead, head
æ	At, hat, cat, sat, that, and, can, ran, land, sand
a	Hot, got, not, lot, rot, cot, thought
o	Go, so, or, for, nor, oat, boat, goat, goal, whole, hole, pole, full
ɔ	Good, book, cook, look, took, foot, wood, would, could
u	Food, noon, moon, soon, room, broom, fool, tool, zoo, zoom, to, too, two
ə	Up, the, above, sun, fun, one, won, done, money
ɛ̃	bird, third, girl, church, word, her, teacher

Common English Consonant Pairs:

Stopped Air	Unstopped Air	Formation	Examples	
B	P	Two lips	Boy, book	Pay, play
D	T	Tongue & alveolar ridge	Day, do	Take, to
G	K	Throat	Guy, girl	Kiss, key
V	F	Upper teeth & lower lip	Victory, voice	Father, family
J	Y	Glide	Joy, judge	You, your
TH	TH	Tongue & Upper teeth	This, that	Think, fifth
Tʃ	ʃ	Teeth open	Church, Charlie	She, sure

SPEECH REDUCTION (CONTRACTED SPEECH PATTERNS)

In every day conversation, most people speak very rapidly using imperfect, contracted, shortened English. These are only a few examples:

Does he	də - zi
Does she	də - ʃI
What does he do?	hwə - də - zi - du?
What does she do?	hwə - də - ʃI - du?
What did you do?	hwə - dI - jiu - du?
1 - Did you eat?	dI - jiu - it?
2 - No. Did you eat?	nə. dju - it?
1 - No. Let's go eat.	nə. skwit.