

## Pronunciation Guide

Symbol	Pronounced	As In	Voiced or Unvoiced	Notes
a	aaaa	apple	v	
a	aaaa	acorn	v	
a	uuuu	banana	v	
b	b (not /buh/) if you must have a vowel sound do /bi/	balloon	v	
c	k (not /kuh/)	cat	uv	
c	ssss	circle	uv	
d	d (not duh) if you must have a vowel sound do /di/	dog	v	
e	eeee	elephant	v	
e	eeee	equal	v	
e	uuuu	kitchen	v	
f	ffff	fish	uv	
g	g (not /guh/) if you must have a vowel sound do /gi/	goat	v	
g	j (not /juh/) if you must have a vowel sound do /ji/	giraffe	v	
h	h (not /huh/)	hat	uv	
i	iiii	igloo	v	
i	iiii	icicle	v	
i	uuuu	victim	v	
j	j (not /juh/) if you must have a vowel sound do /ji/	jar	v	
k	k (not kuh)	kite	uv	
l	llll	lion	v	
m	mmmm	monkey	v	
n	nnnn	nest	v	
o	oooo	octopus	v	
o	oooo	overalls	v	
o	uuuu	sponge	v	
p	p (not /puh/) if you must have a vowel sound do /pi/	pig	uv	
q	kwwww	quilt	v	
r	rrrr (not er)	rabbit	v	
s	ssss	sun	uv	
t	t (not /tuh/)	tent	uv	
u	uuuu	umbrella	v	
u	uuuu	unicorn	v	
v	vvvv	vest	v	
w	wwww (not /wuh/)	wagon	v	
x	ksss	fox	v	
y	yyee (not /yuh/)	yarn	v	
y	iiii	cry	v	
y	eeee	candy	v	
z	zzzz	zebra	v	

**-breve** /breev/: the coding mark for a short vowel

**-closed vowel:** a vowel that is followed by a consonant, whether at the end of the word at the end of a syllable; it is coded with a breve

bun                      nap/kin

**-combinations:** letters that come together to make a sound that would not seem typical of the two letters; these are coded with an arch underneath

star            butter            bird            horse            quilt            turtle            whale

**-digraph:** letters that come together to make one sound; can be consonant digraphs or vowel digraphs; these are coded with an underline

ch, sh, ck, ng, ph, th            ai, au, aw, ay, ee, ea, ei, ew, ey, ie, oo,  
ou, ow, ue

**-final stable syllables:** a syllable found at the end of the word that will always say the same thing; it is coded with a bracket

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**-macron** /may-kron/: the coding mark for a long vowel

**-open vowel:** a vowel that is not followed by anything, whether at the end of the word or at the end of a syllable; it is coded with a macron

so                      fla/vor

**-trigraph:** three letters that come together to make one sound; these are coded with an underline

dge                      igh                      tch

**-vowel consonant e:** a word or syllable that ends with a vowel letter, then a consonant letter, then the letter e; the last e is crossed off, the vowel is coded with a macron

kite                      hope/ful