

ENGLISH MONOTHONGS

NUMBERED FROM 1 TO 12

	VOWELS	NAME	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	EXAMPLES
4 FRONT VOWELS	1 /i:/	Lower case i	Front, close, tense and unrounded	/i:t/
	2 /I/	Small capital I	Front, close, lax and unrounded	/'θɪŋz/
	3 /ɛ/	Epsilon	Front, half-open, lax and unrounded	/a'bed/
	4 /æ/	Ash	Front, open, lax and unrounded	/ə'ræt/
5 BACK VOWELS	5 /ɑ:/	Lower case /ɑ:/	Back, open, tense and unrounded	/ə'fɑ:m/
	6 /ɔ/	Lower case /ɔ/	Back, open, lax and rounded	/ə'pɔt/
	7 /ɔ:/	Open /ɔ:/	Back, half-open, tense and rounded	/ə'wɔ:tʃ/
	8 /ʊ/	Upsilon /ʊ/	Back, close, lax and rounded	/ə'kʊk/
	9 /u:/	Lower case /u:/	Back, close, tense and rounded	/ə'mu:s/
3 CENTRAL VOWELS	10 /ʌ/	Inverted V or Wedge	Central, half-open, lax and unrounded	/ə'hʌt/
	11 /ɜ:/	Reversed Epsilon	Central, half-close, tense and unrounded	/ə'gɜ:rl/
	12 /ə/	Schwa	central, half-close, lax and unrounded	/ə'strɒlədʒə/

DIPHTHONGS

SYMBOLS	DESCRIP-TION	EXAMPLES	
		GRAPHEMES	PHONEMES
13 /ɛɪ/	falling, closing, narrow	slate, bathe, day, say, play, veil weight, ballet, bouquet	/sleɪt/ /beɪθ/ /deɪ/ /seɪ/ /pleɪ/ /veɪl/ /weɪht/ /baleɪ/ /boukeɪ/
14 /əʊ/	falling, closing, narrow	no, go, both, rose, road, toast, soul, shoulder. depot, bureau	/'nəʊ/ /'gəʊ/ /'bəʊθ/ /'rəʊd/ /'təʊst/ /'səʊl/ /ʃəʊldə/ /'dɪpəʊ/ /'bjʊərəʊ/
15 /aɪ/	falling, closing, wide	dine, five, lie, high, tight, by, shy, sky, my, eye, height, sleight, guy, buy	/'daɪn/ /'faɪv/ /'laɪ/ /'haɪ/ /'taɪt/ /'baɪ/ /'ʃaɪ/ /'skaɪ/ /'maɪ/ /'aɪ/ /'haɪt/ /'slaɪt/ /'gaɪ/ /'baɪ/
16 /aʊ/	falling, closing, wide	house, mouse, sound, boud. how, now, plough, drought	/'haʊz/ /'maʊz/ /'saʊnd/ /'baʊn/ /'haʊ/ /'naʊ/ /'pləʊ/ /'draʊt/
17 /ɔɪ/	falling, closing, wide	soil, coin, noise toy, employ, boy	/'sɔɪl/ /'kɔɪn/ /'nɔɪz/ /'tɔɪ /əm'plɔɪ/ /'bɔɪ/
18 /ɪə/	falling, closing, centring	bier, pier, frontier, beer, steer, here, mere, idea, ear, hear	/'bɪə/ /'pɪə/ /'frɒntɪə/ /'stiə/ /'hɪə/ /'mɪə/ /aɪ'dɪə/ /'ɪə/ /'hɪə/
19 /ɛə/	falling, half-open, centring	dare, bare, hare; air, fair, hair, their, heir, wear, pear, tear (v)	/'deə/ /'beə/ /'heə/ /'eə/ /'feə/ /'heə/ /'ðeə/ /'heə/ /'weə/ /'peə/ /'teə/
20 /ʊə/	falling, half-close, centring	cure, pure, sure poor, moor, boor, your, tour, gourd	/'kjʊə/ /'pjʊə/ /'ʃʊə/ /'pʊə/ /'mʊə/ /'bʊə/ /'jʊə/ /'tʊə/ /'gʊə/