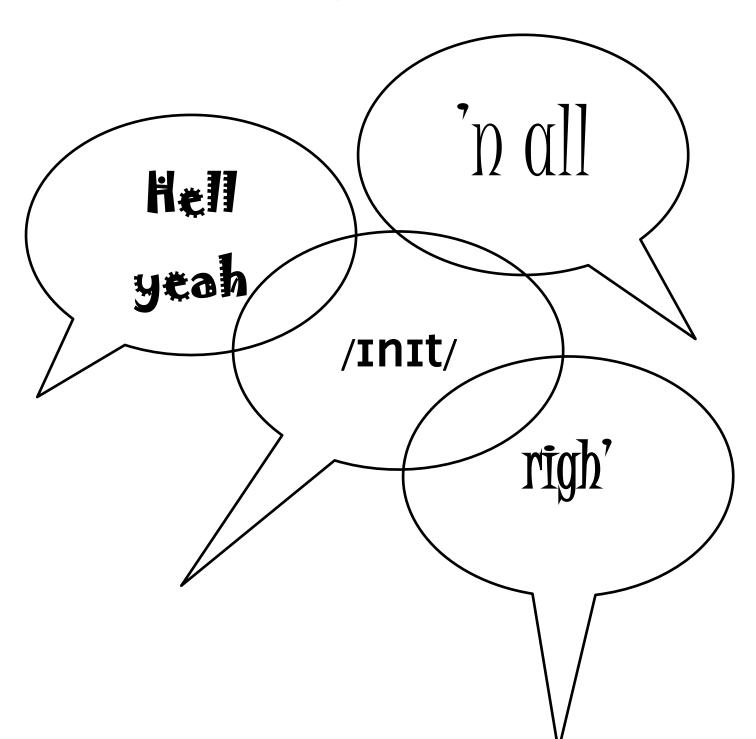




Phonemic transcriptions: informal pronunciation



List of phonemic symbols for English

Consonants		Vowels: pure	
/p/	pot, hop, hope	/æ/	tap, cat
/b/	bat, tub, ruby	/a:/	star, heart, palm
/t/	ten, bit, stun	/i:/	feet, sea, machine
/d/	dog, bad, spade	/1/	sit, busy, hymn
/k/	cat, lock, school	/e/	bet, instead, many
/g/	gap, big, struggle	/a/	pot, odd, want
/s/	city, loss, master	/:c\	bought, saw, port, war
/z/	zero, roses, buzz	/ʊ/	book, good, put
/f/	fit, phone, cough, coffee	/u:/	food, two, rude, group
/v/	van, love, gravy	/ / /	but, love, blood
/0/	thin, bath, ethos	/3:/	fur, bird, word, learn
/ð/	this, either, smooth	/ə/	about, driver
/ʃ/	ship, sure, rush, sensational	Vowels: diphthongs	
/3/	treasure, vision, beige	/eɪ/	date, day, break
/tʃ/	cheek, latch, creature	/aɪ/	fine, buy, try, lie
/dʒ/	jet, smudge, wage soldier	\IC\	noise, boy
/m/	map, ham, summer	/aʊ/	sound, cow
/n/	not, son, snow, sunny	/əʊ/	coat, know, dome
/ŋ/	sing, anger, planks	/I9/	near, here, steer
/h/	hat, whole, behind	/eə/	dare, fair, pear
/w/	wit, one, where, quick	/ʊə/	jury, cure
/j/	yet, useful, cure, few	Glottal stop	

/r/ rat, wrote, borrow /?/ bottle, football

/l/ lot, steel, solid

In informal speech, the high frequency words, phrases and expressions in the middle column are often pronounced in a distinctive way.

1. In the final column, use **phonemic symbols** to record the informal pronunciation as it would appear in a transcript. The first example has been done for you.

INFORMAL PRONUNCIATION	STANDARD FORM	PHONEMIC TRANSCRIPTION
ain't	am not	/eɪnt/
	are not	
cos	because	
coulda	could have	
could of		
didja	did you	
dunno	don't know	
doncha	don't you	
d'ya	do you	
gimme	give me	
gonna	going to	
gotta	got to	
gorra	J	
gotcha	got you	
	has not	
ain't	have not	
hafta	have to	
how'dju do	how do you do?	

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playin'	reduced -ing verb suffix	
innit	isn't it	
kinda	kind of	
lotta	lot of	
lorra		
lemme	let me	
musta	must have	
must of		
oughta	ought to	
outta	out of	
pr'aps	perhaps	
probly	probably	
shoulda	should have	
should of		
sorta	sort of	
s'pose	suppose	
wanna	want a want to	-
whassup	what is up?	
woulda	would have	
would of		
would'ya	would you	
yeah	yes	
y'know	you know	

In speech, we often use fillers (non-fluency features) and interjections (expressing emotional responses).

Use **phonemic symbols** to record the pronunciation of these linguistic features as they would appear in a transcript.

FILLERS (non-verbal)				
er				
errr				
uh				
um				
ummm				
INTERJECTIONS (non-verbal)				
ah				
ahhh				
oh				
oooh				