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Language(s) in which this sound occurs:

IPA Symbol	English Example(s)	Notes	English	Latin	Italian	Spanish	German	French
[ʔ]	<u>uh_oh!</u>	glottal stop	•				•	
[ə]	<u>destruction</u>	only in unstressed syllables	•				•	•
[ø]	n/a	lips: [e] tongue/jaw: [o]					•	•
[œ]	n/a	lips: [ɛ] tongue/jaw: [ɔ]					•	•
[œ̃]	n/a	nasalized [œ]						•
[æ]	<u>gather</u>		•					
[a]	n/a	"bright" ah sound			•	•	•	•
[ɑ]	<u>father, shot</u>	"dark" ah sound	•	•				•
[ã]	n/a	nasalized [ɑ]						•
[ɐ]	n/a	similar to [ʌ] in English					•	
[b]	<u>boat</u>		•	•	•	•	•	•
[β]	n/a	soft [b]; lips slightly apart				•		
[ç]	<u>human</u>	German "ichlaut"	•			•	•	
[d]	<u>done</u>		•	•	•	•	•	•
[dʒ]	<u>judge</u>		•	•	•	•		
[e]	<u>chaos</u>	"closed e"			•		•	•
[ɛ]	<u>fled, said</u>		•	•	•	•	•	•
[ɛ̃]	n/a	nasalized [ɛ]						•
[f]	<u>foe</u>		•	•	•	•	•	•
[ɣ]	n/a	soft version of [g]				•		
[g]	<u>give</u>		•	•	•	•	•	•
[h]	<u>hope</u>		•				•	
[ɥ]	n/a	similar to [w]; tongue forward						•

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[i]	<u>f</u> ee <u>t</u> , <u>s</u> ea <u>t</u>		•	•	•	•	•	•
[ɪ]	<u>f</u> it		•				•	
[j]	<u>y</u> ell, <u>y</u> ea <u>r</u>	"j glide"	•	•	•	•	•	•
[k]	<u>c</u> old, <u>k</u> ite		•	•	•		•	•
[l]	<u>l</u> ove		•	•	•	•	•	•
[ʌ]	t <u>e</u> ll <u>y</u> e				•	•		
[m]	<u>m</u> ee <u>t</u>		•	•	•	•	•	•
[ɱ]	n/a	top teeth touch bottom lip			•	•		
[n]	<u>n</u> ever		•	•	•	•	•	•
[ŋ]	<u>s</u> ing		•		•	•	•	
[ɲ]	<u>o</u> nion		•		•	•		•
[o]	<u>o</u> bey	"closed o"	•		•		•	•
[ɔ]	<u>f</u> ou <u>gh</u> t	"open o"	•	•	•	•	•	•
[õ]	n/a	nasalized [o]						•
[p]	<u>p</u> ower		•	•	•	•	•	•
[r]	n/a	"rolled r" in Italian			•	•		•
[ɾ]	<u>m</u> err <u>y</u>	"flipped" r	•	•	•	•	•	
[ɹ]	<u>d</u> ri <u>v</u> e	"retroflex" or "American" r	•					
[ʀ]	n/a	"guttural" or "uvular" r					•	•
[s]	<u>s</u> ort		•	•	•	•	•	•
[ʃ]	<u>s</u> ure, <u>sh</u> ine		•	•	•		•	•
[t]	<u>t</u> ime		•	•	•	•	•	•
[tʃ]	<u>ch</u> erish		•	•	•	•	•	

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[θ]	<u>th</u> ink	unvoiced	•			•		
[ð]	g <u>th</u> er	voiced	•			•		
[u]	so <u>o</u> n, <u>oo</u> l		•	•	•	•	•	•
[ʊ]	bo <u>o</u> k		•				•	
[ʌ]	th <u>u</u> nder		•					
[v]	<u>v</u> ase		•	•	•	•	•	•
[w]	<u>w</u> eave		•	•	•	•	•	•
[ɰ]	<u>w</u> hile	similar to [w]; add puff of air	•					
[χ]	n/a	similar to [ç], but further back				•	•	
[y]	n/a	lips: [i] tongue/jaw: [u]					•	•
[ʏ]	n/a	lips: [ɪ] tongue/jaw: [ʊ]					•	
[z]	<u>z</u> ebra		•	•	•	•	•	•
[ʒ]	vi <u>si</u> on	voiced version of [ʃ]	•					•