

# IPA Guide

Below is a very basic guide to the International Phonetic Alphabet symbols used in IPANow!.

Language(s) in which this sound occurs:

IPA Symbol	English Example(s)	Notes	Latin	Italian	German	French
[ʔ]	<u>uh</u> _oh!	glottal stop			•	
[ə]	destr <u>u</u> ct <u>io</u> n	only in unstressed syllables			•	•
[ø]	n/a	lips: [e] tongue/jaw: [o]			•	•
[r]	n/a	"flipped" r	•	•	•	
[œ]	n/a	lips: [ɛ] tongue/jaw: [ɔ]			•	•
[œ̃]	n/a	nasalized [œ]				•
[a]		"bright" ah sound		•	•	•
[ɑ]	<u>f</u> ather, <u>sh</u> ot	"dark" ah sound	•			•
[ã]	n/a	nasalized [ɑ]				•
[b]	<u>b</u> oat		•	•	•	•
[ç]	<u>h</u> uman	German "ichlaut"			•	
[d]	<u>d</u> one		•	•	•	•
[dʒ]	<u>j</u> udge		•	•		
[e]	ch <u>a</u> os	"closed e"		•	•	•
[ɛ]	<u>f</u> led, <u>s</u> aid		•	•	•	•
[ɛ̃]	n/a	nasalized [ɛ]				•
[g]	<u>g</u> ive		•	•	•	•
[h]	<u>h</u> ope				•	
[ɥ]	n/a	similar to [w]; tongue forward				•
[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> ear	"j glide"	•	•	•	•
[ɲ]	<u>o</u> n <u>i</u> o <u>n</u>			•		•
[k]	<u>c</u> old, <u>k</u> ite		•	•	•	•
[l]	<u>l</u> ove		•	•	•	•
[ʎ]	<u>t</u> ell <u>y</u> e			•		
[n]	<u>n</u> ever		•	•	•	•
[ŋ]	<u>s</u> inger			•	•	
[o]	<u>o</u> bey	"closed o"		•	•	•
[ɔ]	<u>l</u> ong, <u>f</u> o <u>u</u> ght	"open o"	•	•	•	•
[õ]	n/a	nasalized [o]				•
[p]	<u>p</u> ower		•	•	•	•
[r]	<u>r</u> ead	"rolled r" in Italian		•		•
[ʀ]	n/a	"gutteral r" 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		•	•	•	
[u]	<u>s</u> oon, <u>to</u> ol		•	•	•	•
[ʊ]	<u>b</u> ook				•	
[w]	<u>w</u> eave, <u>w</u> onder		•	•	•	•
[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]	<u>v</u> ision					•