

# Singers' IPA Symbols and Their Equivalents

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| <b>IPA Symbol</b> | <b>Example Word</b>                       |
|-------------------|---|
| <b>[ɑ]</b>        | <b>father</b>                             |
| <b>[a]</b>        | <b>ball (East Coast American, German)</b> |
| <b>[ã]</b>        | <b>enfant (French)</b>                    |
| <b>[æ]</b>        | <b>cat</b>                                |
| <b>[au]</b>       | <b>house</b>                              |
| <b>[b]</b>        | <b>bet</b>                                |
| <b>[ç]</b>        | <b>human</b>                              |
| <b>[d]</b>        | <b>dog</b>                                |
| <b>[e]</b>        | <b>debate</b>                             |
| <b>[ei]</b>       | <b>say</b>                                |
| <b>[ɛ]</b>        | <b>bet</b>                                |
| <b>[ə]</b>        | <b>about, even</b>                        |
| <b>[ê]</b>        | <b>vin (French)</b>                       |
| <b>[f]</b>        | <b>fat</b>                                |

|             |                         |
|-------------|-------------------------|
| <b>[g]</b>  | <b>go</b>               |
| <b>[h]</b>  | <b>him</b>              |
| <b>[i]</b>  | <b>see</b>              |
| <b>[ɪ]</b>  | <b>hit</b>              |
| <b>[ɨ]</b>  | <b>BbI (Russian)</b>    |
| <b>[j]</b>  | <b>you</b>              |
| <b>[ʒ]</b>  | <b>azure, pleasure</b>  |
| <b>[dʒ]</b> | <b>just</b>             |
| <b>[k]</b>  | <b>kiss</b>             |
| <b>[l]</b>  | <b>lip</b>              |
| <b>[ʎ]</b>  | <b>llorar (Spanish)</b> |
| <b>[m]</b>  | <b>mother</b>           |
| <b>[n]</b>  | <b>nice</b>             |
| <b>[ŋ]</b>  | <b>ring</b>             |
| <b>[ɲ]</b>  | <b>canyon</b>           |
| <b>[o]</b>  | <b>hope</b>             |
| <b>[ɔ]</b>  | <b>saw</b>              |
| <b>[ɔ̃]</b> | <b>bon (French)</b>     |

|             |                                       |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>[ø]</b>  | <b>höh (German), feu (French)</b>     |
| <b>[œ]</b>  | <b>hölle (German), fleur (French)</b> |
| <b>[ɔi]</b> | <b>boy</b>                            |
| <b>[ou]</b> | <b>blow</b>                           |
| <b>[p]</b>  | <b>pinch</b>                          |
| <b>[r]</b>  | <b>rain</b>                           |
| <b>[ʀ]</b>  | <b>Paris (Uvular R)</b>               |
| <b>[s]</b>  | <b>size</b>                           |
| <b>[ʃ]</b>  | <b>shoe</b>                           |
| <b>[t]</b>  | <b>type</b>                           |
| <b>[θ]</b>  | <b>thin, throw</b>                    |
| <b>[ð]</b>  | <b>then, this</b>                     |
| <b>[tʃ]</b> | <b>church</b>                         |
| <b>[u]</b>  | <b>too</b>                            |
| <b>[ʊ]</b>  | <b>foot, put</b>                      |
| <b>[v]</b>  | <b>love</b>                           |
| <b>[w]</b>  | <b>win</b>                            |

|            |                                   |
|------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>[ɥ]</b> | <b>when, which (British)</b>      |
| <b>[x]</b> | <b>Bach (German)</b>              |
| <b>[y]</b> | <b>sur (French) kühl (German)</b> |
| <b>[ʏ]</b> | <b>hülle (German)</b>             |
| <b>[z]</b> | <b>zebra</b>                      |

**IPA symbols often combined but not listed above:** (The phonetic name for these sounds is affricates.)

as in English **its**

as in English **box**

**How to Produce Mixed vowels:** There is a classification of vowels know as “mixed vowels.” These are vowels that are formed by positioning the tongue for one vowel and simultaneously forming the lip position of another. In the following examples, the first vowel is the lip position and the second vowel indicates the tongue position. These sounds are found in German and some in French, but there is no English equivalent for these four sounds.

lips    tongue

+        =        as in German **früh** and French **fut**

+        =        as in German **Glük**

+        =        as in German **schön** and French **feu**

+        =        as in German **könnt** and French **coeur**

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Sources

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