

The 44 Sounds

Note that the 44 sounds (phonemes) have multiple spellings (graphemes) and only the most common ones have been provided in this summary.

20 Vowel Sounds

6 Short Vowels

a c <u>a</u> t	e l <u>e</u> g	i s <u>i</u> t	o t <u>o</u> p	u r <u>u</u> b	oo u b <u>oo</u> k p <u>u</u> t
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5 Long Vowels

ai ay p <u>a</u> id tr <u>a</u> y	ee ea b <u>ee</u> b <u>ea</u> t	ie igh p <u>ie</u> h <u>igh</u>	oe ow t <u>oe</u> f <u>low</u>	oo ue m <u>oo</u> n c <u>ue</u>
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3 R-Controlled Vowels

ar c <u>a</u> r	er ir ur h <u>er</u> b <u>ir</u> d h <u>ur</u> t	or c <u>o</u> rk
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5 Other Vowels

ow ou c <u>ow</u> <u>ou</u> t	oy oi b <u>oy</u> v <u>oi</u> d	eer ear d <u>eer</u> n <u>ear</u>	air ere h <u>air</u> th <u>ere</u>	our t <u>our</u>
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1 Unstressed Vowel

SCHWA trump <u>e</u> t <u>a</u> cross s <u>u</u> ppose

24 Consonant Sounds

PLACE → <i>Where in the mouth</i>	Bilabial	Labio-dental	Inter-dental	Alveolar	Post-alveolar	Palatal	Velar	Glottal
MANNER <i>How the sound is made</i> □	<i>with both lips</i>	<i>with lips and teeth</i>	<i>between teeth</i>	<i>front of mouth</i>	<i>front of mouth</i>	<i>top of mouth</i>	<i>back of mouth</i>	<i>voice box</i>
Stops <i>air stopped</i>	p <u>pet</u> b <u>bet</u>			t <u>tip</u> d <u>dip</u>			k c <u>cap</u> g <u>gap</u>	
Nasal <i>through nose</i>	m <u>met</u>			n <u>net</u>			ng <u>sing</u>	
Fricative <i>high pressure air</i>		f <u>fan</u> v <u>van</u>	th <u>thin</u> th <u>this</u>	s <u>sue</u> z <u>zoo</u>	sh <u>ship</u> ge "zh" <u>beige</u>			h <u>hat</u>
Affricates <i>stop + fricative</i>				ch <u>chain</u> j <u>Jane</u>				
Approximants <i>partial closure of airstream</i>	w <u>wet</u>			r <u>rat</u>		y <u>yak</u>		
Lateral <i>air around side of tongue</i>				l <u>leg</u>				

Additional consonant sounds :

