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Key Words
and Symbols

Bilabial: when both of your lips touch each other.

Labio-Dental: bottom lip touches your top set of teeth.

Alveolar: tongue touches behind your top set of teeth.

Velar: noise comes from the back of your throat.

+ the sound is voiced.

- the sound is unvoiced.

The International Phonetic Alphabet was formed to represent sounds within the oral language. It comes in handy when trying to pronounce a word correctly if you haven't heard it before. It provides one letter for each sound you make when trying to announce a word. Below are some of the most used and important sounds within phonetic notation.

IPA Consonants

	Bilabial	Labio-dental	Alveolar	Velar
Stop	B + P -		T + D -	G + K -
Fricative		V + F -	Z + S -	
Nasal	M		N	

IPA Vowels

i	as in	<u>B</u> ee	u	as in	<u>B</u> oot
l	as in	<u>B</u> it	U	as in	<u>B</u> ut
e	as in	<u>B</u> ait	o	as in	<u>B</u> oat
E	as in	<u>B</u> et	ɔ	as in	<u>B</u> ought
ae	as in	<u>B</u> at	a	as in	<u>B</u> omb

IPA Diphthongs

ɔi	as in	<u>B</u> oy
ei	as in	<u>B</u> ay
au	as in	<u>O</u> uch
ai	as in	<u>B</u> uy