

Phonetic Codes for American English

Lexical Stress and Pacing

Lexical Stress	Description
1	Indicates primary word stress
2	Indicates secondary word stress
?	Glottal stop - Separates two words when the second word starts with a stressed vowel
_	Generates a small pause

Phonetics Codes for American English: Consonants

Sound	Code for the sound	Example	
bad	b	b {1 d	
tsunami	t	t s u n A1 m i	
tab	t_h	t_h {1 b	aspirated t
better	4	b E1 4 r=	flapped t
stop	p	s t O1 p	
pine	p_h	p_h A11 n	aspirated p
date	d	d E11 t	
scare	k	s k E1 r	
cone	k_h	k_h @U1 n	aspirated k
gag	g	g {1 g	
man	m	m {1 n	
nose	n	n @U1 z	
rose	r	r @U1 z	
let	l	l e1 t	
ring	N	r l1 N	
fat	f	f {1 t	

Sound	Code for the sound	Example	
vote	v	v @U1 t	
sat	s	s {1 t	
zoo	z	z u:1	
shin	S	S l1 n	
chin	tS	tS l1 n	
measure	Z	m e1 Z @	
gin	dZ	dZ l1 n	
this	D	D l1 s	
thin	T	T l1 n	
wait	w	w E1 t	glide
yacht	j	j Q1 t	glide
hit	h	h l1 t	

Phonetics Codes for American English: Vowels

Sound	Code for the sound	Example
corner	r=	k O1 r n r=
pot	A	p A1 t
thought	O	T O1 t
lit	l	l l1 t
neat	i	n i:1 t
zoo	u	z u1
hut	V	h V1 t
put	U	p U1 t
pat	{	p {1 t
net	E	n E1 t
allow	@	@ l aU1
main	EI	m EI1 n

Sound	Code for the sound	Example
high	AI	h AI1
boy	OI	b OI1
nose	@U	n @U1 z
pout	aU	p aU1 t