

Consonant	Example	Japanese	Notes
z	Old <u>zoo</u>	ʒ	dʒ linking ʒ = laminal (made w/ the blade of the tongue)
kt	distric <u>t'</u>	k't'	Final voiceless stops. Also <i>picked</i> ' = ejective
tʃ	<u>much</u>	tç	Laminal (made w/ the blade of the tongue)
dʒ	<u>edge</u>	dʒ	see above
ð	<u>that</u>	dʒ, ʒ, d	see above
θ	<u>mouth</u>	s, ç	probably with the tongue tip down
ɪŋ	lik <u>ing</u>	ɪŋgə	hard g plus an offglide to schwa (at end of phrase)
ɪŋ	wait <u>ing</u>	ĩ	nasalized vowel
f	from, official	ɸ	bilabial voiceless fricative
ɱ	when, where	ɸ	bilabial voiceless fricative (rare)
w	when, work	w̥, u	very little lip rounding, if any
ʃ	She	ç	laminal
n	in <u>a</u>	ɲ	palatal (ie keep tongue tip down)
l	immediately	ɾ, ɹ, l	l between two vowels
ɮ	hers <u>elf</u>	ɯ	velarized (like a w but with no lip rounding)

For a key to IPA symbols see my page at <http://tinyurl.com/mzkrvy>

Phoneme	Lexical Set	Japanese	Notes Examples
/i/ ee	Fleece, Read	[i]	plea, meet, read, dream, each
1. Please leave the beach before you sneeze. 2. Ethan's teeth need cleaning each evening.			
/i/ -y	Happy, Quickly	[i]	pretty, lady, chassis, jazzy, foamy
1. Silly Jessie was pretty lazy and very funny. 2. The city is dirty, smelly and extremely sexy, baby.			
/ɪ/ ih	Kit, This	[ɪ]	hid, miss, fill, rim, sing, rich
1. Which Hilton sister will sin with the richest celebrity? 2. Phil isn't really living in Ipswich in winter, is he?			

/ɛ/ e	Dress, Fellow	[e]	met, bed, left, bless, edge, hem, neck, egg
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kento sent ten red roses to Emi. 2. Whenever Megumi gets dressed, she forgets her red necktie. 			
/æ/ a	Trap, Actors	[a]	flap, jab, cram, bag, sack,
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Naturally, the cat and the rat acted antagonistically. 2. The man made a gaff as he calculated the ant's mass. 			
/æ.ɪ/ -arr-	Guarantee	[a.r]	Larry, parasite, harassment, barrel, carrier
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Harriet parried Barry's frantic marriage proposals in the carriage. 2. The paratrooper shot an arrow in the arid landscape. 			
/a/ ah	Bath, Command	[a]	path, dance, brass, daft, laugh, basket, branch
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The calf stood halfway in the path. 2. The castle staff were members of the lower class. 			
/ɑ/ aa	Palm, Father	[ɑ]	garage, balm, aha, bra, taco, sergeant, bourgeois, mirage, piranha
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Papa listened to the Bach sonata while he ate his taco under the palm tree. 2. The macho maharaja calmly enjoyed his massage. 			
/ɒ/ o	Lot, Cloth*, not	[ɒ]	not, rod, rock, bog, profit, honest, loft off, Austria, cost, gone
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The orange moth was extremely fond of cloth. 2. Stop waffling Tom and buy the odd clock. 			
/ɔ/ aw	Thought, Drawing	[ɔ]	taught, bought, applaud, hawk, small
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Paul taught his daughter to crawl when she was small. 2. Never applaud a debauched and naughty performer. 			
/u/ oo	Goose, moods	[u]	scoop, boom, boost, move, tomb, groove
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The youth with the loose tooth will choose to move to Vancouver. 2. The rude moose hunter wore his toque as he smooched with Sue. 			
/ju/ yoo	Music Tune, Duke	[ju]	cue, few, cube, huge, dupe, new, tune, stew, obtuse, deuce
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The singer resumed the tune as the funeral director gave him is cue. 2. It's your duty to review the human rights bill as a neutral and lucid student. 			
/ʊ/ uu	Foot, good	[ʊ]	put, soot, good, wool, could

<p>1. Should you put sooty candles in wooden pulpits when they could catch fire? 2. The pussycat on the cushion near the book watched the wolf eat the pudding.</p>			
/ʌ/ <i>u</i>	Strut, luck	[a]	cup, rub, hum, pulse, butter, done
<p>1. The young monk hummed as he hurried uphill. 2. Her mother fussed about adding a touch of butter to the cup of flour.</p>			
/ʌ.ɪ/ <i>-urr</i>	Hurry	[a.ɾ]	curry, current, currency, furrow, hurry, hurricane, occurrence
<p>1. Murray worried about the hurricane destroying the turret. 2. Hurry to Surrey to buy some nourishing currants.</p>			
Final /ə/ <i>uh</i> (unstressed)	Comma Letter	[a]	idea, sofa, saliva, arena actor, better, flavour
<p>1. The customer got a better offer on the sofa in order to reach the sales quota. 2. The saga tells us the colour of the armour worn by the martyr in the arena.</p>			
/ɜ/ <i>ur</i>	Nurse	[ɜ, a, ɝ]	irk, birch, girl, fir, myrtle, assert hurt, curd, hurl, burst,
<p>1. The courteous colonel preferred to fish with curds rather than worms. 2. I was urged to be a liquor connoisseur, said the earnest girl at her worst.</p>			

Diphthong	Lexical Set	Japanese	Notes Examples
/eɪ/ <i>ay</i>	Face	[e]	change, taper, base, crêpe, wait, day, rein, they, reign
<p>1. The baby's name is April, and she weighs eight pounds. 2. The raven-haired lady deigns to bathe in the wave pool.</p>			
/aɪ/ <i>igh</i>	Price	[ai]	night, like, rife, nice, type missile, fertile, agile, mobile
<p>1. I like it when the airplane for the night flight gets de-iced. 2. The vampire was attacked with a knife, a spike and an ice pick.</p>			
/ɔɪ/ <i>oy</i>	Choice	[ɔi]	toy, choice, moist, coin, groin, hoist, joist
<p>1. The boy found joy in employing his voice to make a loud noise. 2. The oil from the buoy spoiled the oysters and made them poisonous.</p>			
/aʊ/ <i>ow</i>	Mouth	[aʊ, a]	out, pouch, south, house, loud, gouge, thou, round, oust, flour

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The count used a towel to dry his mouth. 2. The loud noun featured a foul vowel that was hard to pronounce. |
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/ou/ oh	Goat	[ɔ]	soap, boat, oak, coal, rope, joke, both, code, rogue, home, tone, no, toe
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I loathe that the noble will ride the colt along the road. 2. My brooch was sewn on the robe with the hole. 			
/iə/ eer	Near	[iə]	beer, deer, career, here, mere, sincere, interfere, cashier, weir, fear, appear
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I fear her tears are sincere: she's weary of her career here. 2. Don't interfere with the yearling, dear; it's acting queer. 			
/ɛə/ air	Square	[ɛə, e]	care, fair, pear, their, scarce
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mary didn't care for what the fairy had to share. 2. My heir swears with flair because our funds are so scarce. 			
/ɑə/ ar	Start	[ɑ]	part, large, snarl, arch, marvelous, hearth
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please carve the turkey for the party with the sharp knife, Charles. 2. The hearty sergeant was far from sharp. 			
/ɔə/ or	North	[ɔ]	for, war, resort, horse, chord, short, swarm
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I adore Laura, who ignores my snoring. 2. The performance of the porn star cost a fortune. 			
/ʊə/ oor	Cure	[ʊə]	boor, poor, tour, allure, assure, lure, contour
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The bourgeois fool assured us of the mural's authenticity. 2. The furious gourmet showed his boorishness at the lurid feast. 			