

Consonant	Example	Icelandic	Notes
s	<u>S</u> arah	ʃ	Whistled articulation, frequently laminal
θ	<u>N</u> orth	θ	Alveolar; Medial or Final θ may become ð
ð	<u>T</u> hat, <u>t</u> hen	ð	Alveolar; Initial ð may become θ
ʃ	<u>S</u> he, <u>w</u> ashed	ʃ, ç	/s/ substitution or Voiceless Palatal Fricative
tʃ	<u>C</u> hecked, <u>m</u> uch	tʃ	Affricate made with voiceless palatal fricative
dʒ	<u>H</u> uge	dʒ, tʃ	Affricate made with voiced palatal fricative
tj, dj	<u>T</u> une, <u>D</u> uke	tʃ, dʒ	Yod coalescence on liquid U
v	<u>v</u> ery	ʋ	Labiodental approximant
w	<u>W</u> ell, <u>w</u> oman	ʋ, u, v	Labiodental approximant, or weak /w/
ɾ	<u>S</u> tory, <u>P</u> erry	ɾ, r, ʀ	tap, trill or voiceless trill (before vs. cons.)
z	<u>Z</u> oo	ts	in initial positions
pp, tt, kk	sup <u>pp</u> er, batt <u>tt</u> er, got there quic <u>kk</u> er	-hp, -ht, -hk	Doubled <i>voiceless</i> (orthographic) consonants are pre-aspirated. Occasionally happens on single vs. consonants.
bb, dd, gg	jab <u>bb</u> er, madd <u>dd</u> er, bag <u>gg</u> er	-p̚p̚ -t̚t̚ -k̚k̚	Doubled <i>voiced</i> (orthographic) consonants are realized as voiceless geminates — no audible release + release. Occasionally happens on single vs. consonants.
l, ɬ	L <u>l</u> iking, y <u>ll</u> ow W <u>ll</u> , bow <u>ll</u>	l l, ɬ	Initial & intervocalic /l/ are light; Final /l/ is lighter, &/or devoiced fricative

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/i/ <i>ee</i>	FLEECE, street	[i]	plea, meet, read, dream, each
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please leave the beach before you sneeze. 2. Ethan's teeth need cleaning each evening. 			
/ɪ/ <i>-y</i>	happy, very	[i]	pretty, lady, chassis, jazzy, foamy
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Silly Jessie was pretty lazy and very funny. 2. The city is dirty, smelly and extremely sexy, baby. 			
/ɪ/ <i>ih</i>	KIT, district	[ɪ]	hid, miss, fill, rim, sing, rich
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Which Hilton sister will sin with the richest celebrity? 2. Phil isn't really living in Ipswich in winter, is he? 			
/ɛ/ <i>e</i>	DRESS, yellow	[ɛ]	met, bed, left, bless, edge, hem, neck, egg
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Leicester sent ten red roses to Cecily. 2. Whenever Jeff gets dressed, he forgets his red necktie. 			
/æ/ <i>a</i>	TRAP, happy	[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/ <i>-arr-</i>	Harrison,	[a]	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/ <i>ah</i>	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	[a]	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, ɒ]	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, y]	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	[jʊ]	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, ø, ø]	put, soot, good, wool, could
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 			

/ʌ/ <i>u</i>	STRUT, luck	[ɐ]	cup, rub, hum, pulse, butter, done
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The young monk hummed as he hurried uphill. 2. Her mother fussed about adding a touch of butter to the cup of flour. 			
Final /ə/ <i>uh</i> (unstressed)	comma letter	[ɐ] [ə]	idea, sofa, saliva, arena actor, better, flavour
Linking R: (with tap or trill) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 			
/ɜ/ <i>ur</i>	NURSE, Work	[ɜ]	hurt, curd, hurl, burst, irk, birch, girl, fir, myrtle, assert
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 			
/ʌ.ɪ/ <i>-urr</i>	Hurry	[ə, ɐ]	curry, current, currency, furrow, hurry, hurricane, occurrence
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Murray worried about the hurricane destroying the turret. 2. Hurry to Surrey to buy some nourishing currants. 			

Diphthong	Lexical Set	Icelandic	Notes Examples
/eɪ/ <i>ay</i>	FACE	[eɪ̯]	change, taper, base, crêpe, wait, day, rein, they, reign
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The baby's name is April, and she weighs eight pounds. 2. The raven-haired lady deigns to bathe in the wave pool. 			
/aɪ/ <i>igh</i>	PRICE	[eɪ̯, äɪ̯]	night, like, rife, nice, type missile, fertile, agile, mobile
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 			
/ɔɪ/ <i>oy</i>	CHOICE	[ɔɪ̯]	toy, choice, moist, coin, groin, hoist, joist
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 			
/aʊ/ <i>ow</i>	MOUTH	[äʊ̯]	out, pouch, south, house, loud, gouge, thou, round, oust, flour
<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. 			
/oʊ/ <i>oh</i>	GOAT	[oʊ̯]	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. 			
/ɪə/ <i>eer</i>	NEAR	[ɪə̯, ɪr̯]	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/ <i>air</i>	SQUARE	[ɛə̯, ɛr̯]	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.			
/ɑ̃/ ar	START	[ä̃, ä̃r]	part, large, snarl, arch, marvelous, hearth
1. Please carve the turkey for the party with the sharp knife, Charles. 2. The hearty sergeant was far from sharp.			
/ɔ̃/ or	NORTH	[ṽ, ṽr]	for, war, resort, horse, chord, short, orchid, swarm
1. I adore Laura, who ignores my snoring. 2. The performance of the porn star cost a fortune.			
/ʊ̃/ oor	CURE	[ʊ̃, j̃]	boor, poor, tour, allure, assure, lure, contour
1. The bourgeois fool assured us of the mural's authenticity. 2. The furious gourmet showed his boorishness at the lurid feast.			
/ã/ ire	Tire, Sapphire	[ä̃, ä̃j]	admire, buyer, fire, liar
1. The buyer will wire the squire about the sapphire she admires. 2. Will the liar ever tire of singing in the choir?			
/aʊ̃/ hour	Tower	[aʊ̃, aʊ̃r]	flower, hour, cower
1. The rain showered the flowers for two hours. 2. The powerless mouse will cower in the bower as we scour the house for him.			