

Phoneme	Lexical Set	Irish	Notes Examples
i	Happy, Quickly	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 ugly. 			
ɛ	Dress, Fellow	ɛ ^o	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	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. 			
“ar”: æ+r	Guarantee	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	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. 			
ɒ	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	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. 			
ju	Duke, Music	ju/ ru	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. 			
ʌ	Strut, luck	ʌ	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. 			

“ur”: ʌ+r	Hurry	ɹ.ɪ	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. 			
Final ə (unstressed)	Comma Letter	ə ə̃	idea, sofa, saliva, arena actor, better, flavour
<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	Nurse	ɹɜː/ɜː	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. 			
Diphthong	Lexical Set	Irish	Notes Examples
eɪ	Face	eɪ	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_	Price	ʌɪ	night, like, rife, nice, type
<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. 			
aɪ_	Pride	ɔɪ	ride, lime, alive, eye, jibe missile, fertile, agile, mobile
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We have time to buy some fried fish before we ride the bus. 2. I'll try to arrive on the island five minutes early. 			
ɔɪ	Choice	ɔɪ	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	Mouth	ʌʊ	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	Goat	o	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. 			

ɪr	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. 			
ɛr	Square	eə	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. 			
ɑr	Start	aə	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. 			
ɔr	North	ɒə ɑə	for, war, resort, horse, chord, short, orchid, 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. 			
ɒ+r	Orange	ɒ/a	orange, porridge, correspond, Dorothy, foreign, horrid, historical
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maurice has gone horribly moral about Dorothy's torrid foreign affair. 2. We ate porridge and oranges in the forest. 			
ɔ+r	Oral	ɔ	laureate, boring, chorus, forum, glory, porous
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The chorus sang boring songs in the auditorium. 2. Warren attended the forum on the warrior's former glory. 			
ʊr	Cure	uə	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. 			
aɪr	Fire, Sapphire	aə	admire, buyer, fire, liar
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The buyer will wire the squire about the sapphire she admires. 2. Will the liar ever tire of singing in the choir? 			
aʊr	Tower	ʌʊə	flower, hour, cower
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 			

Consonant	Example	Irish	Notes	
hw	What	ʍ	whale, wharf, whatever, wheel	
ɫ	All	l	*contemporary [ʉ] (e.g. "milk" [mɪɫk])	ball, hole, maul, rule
initial r	Right	ɹ	more lip rounding	read, rent, right, true, drone
initial t	Tip	t ^s	"splashy t"	Tammy wrote a letter to Ted terminating twenty-two tickets to Timbuktu.
medial t "intervocalic"	Batting	t ^h , t ^s	tendency to dentalize with an "s" like release	latter, letter, metal, pity, atom, seat her
Final t	Quite (good)	t ^s , t ^h	bait, bite, cut, deposit, got, great, haste, mate, wait	
Lateral Release tl	Battle	t ^l	sound explodes sideways	little, mettle, wattle, get_Len
Nasal Release tn	Beaten	t ⁿ	soft palate releases air into nose - without a glottal	gotten, written, lighten, gluten, eaten
final ɪŋ	Sing <u>ing</u>	ən	drop the g on verb endings (not on words like "thing"	singin', tryin', wantin'
Voice "th" ð	This	d _n	friction/stop sound made on the back of upper teeth	those, them, their, these, brother
Voiceless "th" θ	Thin	t _n		theme, thing, thinkin',
Plosive epenthesis	Answer, Fence	ns, n ^t s*	* contemporary usage	dance, fence, whence, difference, patience
Yod coalescence	Actual, Perpetual Graduate	tʃu / dʒu	similarly in ksju/kʃu	factual, ineffectual, perpetuate, actuator, habitual, mutual, gradual, educate, residual