International Phonetic Alphabet Cheat Sheet
(Nearly) Every Symbol You'll Ever Need!
Each IPA symbol (in brackets)* represents a single phoneme (sound).

Pure Vowels
Tongue vowels
[i]   keep
[ɨ]   lovely
[ɪ]   bit
[e]   che (Italian; "closed 'E'")
[(e)]   (between [e] and [ɛ]; used in French)
[ɛ]   bed ("open 'E'")
[ə]   about (in unstressed syllable; "schwa")
[ʌ]   bump (in stressed syllable)
[ɑ]   father ("dark 'ah'")
[a]   voilà ("bright 'ah'")
[æ]   cat
Lip vowels
[u]   scoop
[ʊ]   book
[o]   Tod (German; "closed 'O'")
[ɔ]   awe ("open 'O'")
[ɒ]   pot (British)

Diphthongs
[eɪ][1], [ɛːi][2]   cake
[aɪ][1], [aːi][2], [aːe][3]   bright
[aʊ][1], [aːu][2], [aːo][3]   hound
[oʊ][1]   float
[ɔɪ][1], [ɔːi][2], [ɔːy][3]   toy

Mixed Vowels
[ø] = [e] + [o]
[œ] = [ɛ] + [ɔ]
[y] = [i] + [u]
[ʏ] = [ɪ] + [ʊ]

Nasal Vowels (French)
[ã]   en
[ɛ̃]   main
[õ]   bon
[œ̃]   un

Glide Vowels
[w]   was
[j]   yes
[ɲ]   onion
[ɥ]   pui (French)

Lateral Consonants (Semi-Vowels)
[l]   lift
[ʎ]   gli (Italian)

Stop Plosive Consonants
[p]   pest
[b]   boring
[t]   tan
[d]   dump
[k]   kite
[g]   goose
[ʔ] or [|] (glottal stop)

Fricative Consonants
[f]   foot
[v]   vowel
[s]   soprano
[z]   zip
[ʃ]   shush
[ʒ]   Asian
[θ]   thistle
[ð]   thou
[h]   house
[ʍ]   when ("hw")
[x]   Bach (German Achlaut)
[ç]   ich (German Ichlaut)
[ɣ]   ciega (Spanish)
[ß]   haba (Spanish)

Combination Consonants
[ʧ] or [t͡ʃ]   church
[ʤ] or [d͡ʒ]   judge

Nasal Consonants
[n]   nope
[m]   mint
[ŋ]   sing

Those Terrible Rs!
[ɝ]   curtsy (in stressed syllable)
[ɚ]   butter, choir (in unstressed syllable or triphthong)
[ɹ]   run (initial position)
[ɾ]   amore (Italian; "flipped 'R'")
[r]   re (Italian; "trilled" or "rolled 'R'")
[ʀ]   uvular trill (not typically used in singing)
[ɐ̯]   der, vor (German)
[ɐ]   aber (German)

Diacritical Marks
[ː]   lengthen preceding sound
[ˈ]   indicates primary stress
[ˌ]   indicates secondary stress
[.]   indicates syllabification

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* IPA symbols can also be written between slashes (e.g., /i/).
[1] English
[2] Italian
[3] German