

Label	ARPAbet	Name	Example	Label	ARPAbet	Name	Example
Vowels and diphthongs							
i ^y (i ^l)	iy	[i ^y]	beet	u ^w	uw	[u ^w]	boot
ɪ	ih	[ɪ]	bit	ü	ux	fronted /u ^w /	toot
e ^y (e ^l)	ey	[e ^y]	bait	ɜ ^r	er	[ɜ ^r]	bird
ɛ	eh	[ɛ]	bet	ɑ ^y (ɑ ^l)	ay	[ɑ ^y]	bite
æ	ae	[æ]	bat	ɔ ^y (ɔ ^l)	oy	[ɔ ^y]	boy
ɑ	aa	[ɑ]	bob	ɑ ^w	aw	[ɑ ^w]	bout
ɔ	ao	[ɔ]	bought	ə	ax	schwa	about
ʌ	ah	[ʌ], wedge	but	ɪ	ix	fronted schwa	debit
o ^w	ow	[o ^w]	boat	ɚ	axr	retroflex schwa	butter
ʊ	uh	[ʊ]	book				
Glides				Liquids			
w	w	W	way	r (ɹ)	r	R	ray
y (j)	y	Y	yacht	l	l	L	lay
				ɫ	el	syllabic /l/	bottle
Nasals							
m	m	M	mom	m	em	syllabic /m/	bottom
n	n	N	noon	n	en	syllabic /n/	button
ŋ	ng	[ɛŋ]	sing	ŋ	eng	syllabic /ŋ/	Washington
ɾ	nx	nasal flap	winner				
Fricatives							
s	s	S	sea	z	z	Z	zone
ʃ (ʃ)	sh	[ʃə]	she	ʒ (ʒ)	zh	[ʒə]	measure
f	f	F	fin	v	v	V	van
θ	th	[θə]	thin	ð	dh	[ðə]	then
h	hh	H	hay				
Stops							
p	p	P	pea	b	b	B	bee
t	t	T	tea	d	d	D	day
k	k	K	key	g	g	G	gay
p̚	pcl	/p/ closure, unreleased /p/	pops	b̚	bcl	/b/ closure, unreleased /b/	bobs
t̚	tcl	/t/ closure, unreleased /t/	pots	d̚	gcl	/d/ closure, unreleased /d/	pods
k̚	kcl	/k/ closure, unreleased /k/	pocks	g̚	gcl	/g/ closure, unreleased /g/	bogs
ʔ	q	glottal stop	button	r	dx	flap	muddy
Affricates							
ʧ (tʃ)	ch	[tʃə]	choke	ʤ (dʒ)	jh	[dʒ]	joke

Table 1: Phonetic labels for American English. The **Label** column lists the labels used in SLS, with the corresponding IPA label in parentheses when they differ. The **ARPAbet** column lists the equivalent labels in the ARPAbet ASCII phonetic alphabet. The **Name** column indicates how the label is referred to; a capital letter in this column indicates that the label is referred to by its letter name, e.g. n is referred to as [ɛn].