

British Speech Sound House

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<p>w wh o gu = 'gw' ku = 'kw' Double U!</p> <p>p b be bb</p> <p>w rw</p>	<p>p pe pp</p> <p>f v ve</p> <p>b rp rb</p>	<p>f ff ph gh</p> <p>v rf rv</p>	<p>th</p> <p>θ rə rō</p>	<p>t tt ght te ed</p> <p>t d dd de</p>	<p>n nn gn nd kn ne dne</p> <p>n rn</p>	<p>s c ss ps sc</p> <p>s rs</p>	<p>r wr rr</p> <p>silent</p>	<p>ch ti t tch</p> <p>tʃ j g ge d dg dge</p> <p>dʒ rtʃ rdʒ</p>	<p>y i u/ew/eu = 'ju' u = 'jə'</p> <p>j</p>	<p>k c ch ce ck ke qu qu = 'k'/'kw' x = 'ks / kf'</p> <p>k gu gg g gh gue x = 'gz'</p> <p>g rk rg</p>		
lip ↑ lip	m rm	tooth ↑ lip	tooth ↑ tip of tongue	front of alveolar ridge ↑ tip of tongue	l ll rl	front of alveolar ridge ↑ blade of tongue	rear of alveolar ridge ↑ tip of tongue	rear of alveolar ridge ↑ blade of tongue	<p>s sh ti ch sch che t si ce ssi</p> <p>ʃ s g ge</p> <p>ʒ rʃ</p>	hard palate ↑ front of tongue body	soft palate ↑ back of tongue body	<p>ŋ nk / nch = 'ŋk'</p> <p>ŋ</p>

The hearts symbolize voiced–unvoiced pairs. The speech organs are formed equally in these pairs, but only one sound uses the voice. The small letters in each room are different spellings of the sound. At the bottom of some of the rooms, there is an R in front of the letter/phonetic sign. This means that in British-English speech, we do not pronounce the R's sound in front of these sounds. For example, we write *sharp*, but say: [ʃɑ:p].

Vowel	Front	Spellings	Central	Spellings	Back	Spellings
Short vowel	ɪ	i e y ui e a	ʌ	u o oo oe ou	ʊ	oo u o oul
	e	e ea	ə	a e i o u er ar or our ur ou re ure oh	ɒ	o a au
	æ	a			u	u o
	i	e i y a				
Long vowel	i:	e ea e eie i y ey	ɜ:	ea ur er ir ear or our eur	u:	oo our o u ui ew ue wo
					ɑ:	a ar al
					ɔ:	or a au aw our oar ar augh ough ore oor
Diphthong	eɪ		(j)ʊə	ure oor u our	əʊ	o oa ou ow oe ough eau
	aɪ	i igh y ui ay uy ye	ɪə	ear e er eier	aʊ	ou ow
	ɔɪ	oi oy	eə	air aer are aire ear ere heir		