

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

/r//a/	-	Diagonal slashes denote that this is a <i>phoneme</i> (one of the consonants or vowels) of Rhondda Valleys English, without giving any phonetic detail.
[ɹ][ɑ:]	-	Square brackets give phonetic detail of a particular sound, which readers interested in phonetics can look up in the International Phonetic Alphabet.
AM	-	Autosegmental-Metrical (a theory of prosodics)
INTINT	-	International Transcription System for Intonation (Hirst & Di Cristo 1998).
IP	-	Intonational Phrase
IPA	-	International Phonetics Association
IPO	-	Institute for Perception Research in Eindhoven
LAE	-	Linguistic Atlas of England.
RVE	-	Rhondda Valleys English.
RP	-	Received Pronunciation; the variety of UK English pronunciation that enjoys high prestige particularly in the south-east of England. It is often referred to as 'BBC English'.
SAWD	-	Survey of Anglo-Welsh Dialects (Parry 1977).

CONSONANT SYMBOLS

/b/, /d/, /f/,	Pronounced the same as spelled
/g/, /h/, /k/,	
/l/, /m/, /n/,	
/p/, /r/, /s/,	
/t/, /v/, /w/.	
/θ/	The first consonant in RP 'think'
/ð/	The first consonant in RP 'then'
/ʃ/	The first consonant in RP 'shed'
/ʒ/	The middle consonant in RP 'vision'
/tʃ/	The first consonant in RP 'chat'
/dʒ/	The first consonant in RP 'jam'
/ŋ/	The last consonant in RP 'sing'
/ɫ/	The first consonant in RVE 'Llandaff'
/χ/, /x/	The last consonant in RP & RVE 'Bach'
/j/	The first consonant in RP 'yes'

VOWEL SYMBOLS

/i:/	The vowel in RP <i>'meat', 'wheel'</i>
/ɪ /	The vowel in RP <i>'pit', 'hill'</i>
/e:/	The vowel in RVE <i>'made', 'great'</i>
/e/	The vowel in RP <i>'dress', 'head'</i>
/eə/	The vowel in RP <i>'square', 'bear'</i>
/ɛ /	The vowel in RVE <i>'dress', 'head'</i>
/ɛ:/	The vowel in RVE <i>'square', 'bear'</i>
/æ/	The vowel in RP <i>'trap', 'ban'</i>
/a /	The vowel in RVE <i>'trap', 'ban'</i>
/aɪ/	The vowel in RP <i>'price', 'mind'</i>
/a:/	The vowel in RVE <i>'palm', 'start'</i>
/ɑ:/	The vowel in RP <i>'palm', 'start'</i>
/ɒ /	The vowel in RP <i>'lot', 'cloth'</i>
/ɔ:/	The vowel in RP <i>'thought', 'north'</i>
/o:/	The vowel in RVE <i>'home', 'road'</i>
/ou/	The vowel in RVE <i>'soul', 'low'</i>
/ʊ /	The vowel in RP <i>'foot', 'hood'</i>
/u:/	The vowel in RP <i>'fool', 'mood'</i>
/ʌ /	The vowel in RP <i>'strut', 'come'</i>
/ɜ:/	The vowel in RP <i>'nurse', 'word'</i>
/eɪ/	The vowel in RP <i>'made', 'great', 'tail', 'stay'</i>
/ei/	The vowel in RVE <i>'tail', 'stay'</i>
/ʌi/	The vowel in RVE <i>'price', 'mind'</i>
/ʌu/	The vowel in RVE <i>'mouth', 'how'</i>
/ɒi/	The vowel in RVE <i>'choice', 'toy'</i>
/ɔɪ/	The vowel in RP <i>'choice', 'toy'</i>
/ɪu/	The vowel in RVE <i>'few', 'duke'</i>
/ju:/	The vowel in RP <i>'few', 'duke'</i>
/ə/	The weak vowel at the end of RP <i>'letter', 'sofa'</i>
/əʊ/	The vowel in RP <i>'home', 'road', 'soul', 'low'</i>