



**BBC-style Pronunciation Respelling System**  
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sound	as in...	and in...	respelled words:	sound	as in...	and in...	respelled words:
a	trap	plaid	trap, plaid	b	chitch	abbey	bag, ab-ee
aa	father, laugh	air, skwalr	faa-durr, laaf	d	bad	church, pitch	chaa, chich
air	square	Mary	air, skwaer	f	Budtha	dad, bauss-uh	daad, bauss-uh
are	star	clerk	star, klaerk	g	then, weather	dhen, weath-uh	thun, weath-uh
ar-	starring	law	star-ang, suh-far-ee	h	ghetto	gap, get-oh	hat, hoh
av	thought	stay	thawt, suh-far-ee	i	jam, joi	kaat, koij	ly-uh, hi
ay	dress	face	stay, fayss	k	collage	ly-uh, hi	ly-uh, hi
ee	street	peace	street, peess	l	hill	ly-uh, hi	ly-uh, hi
e	beer	near	beer, neer	m	dam	map, dam	map, dam
er	merry	bury	mer-ree, b-er-ee	n	net	nee, net	nee, net
i	kid	cool	kiid, b-ee	ng	young	yoong, hi-gup	yoong, hi-gup
oh	goal	old	goahl, oold	nk	bank	bank	bank
oo	goose	good	gooss, good	pn	hiccough	pen, hi-cup	pen, hi-cup
o	endure	curt	en-durr, kurr	r	right	ryht, ryt	ryht, ryt
or	north	oral	north, korr	s	and-on, ur-uhl	sand, kross	shp, shef
ow/ou	now	mouth	naw, mooth	sh	ship	shp, shef	shp, shef
oy	boy	choose	boi, chooss	th	thin	thin	thin
ou	cup	blood	kuup, blud	v	van, uhv	van, uhv	van, uhv
u	uh	ago, comma	uh, goh, kom-uh	w	sweet, sweet	swet, swet	swet, swet
ur	nurse	letter, dollar	nurr, doo-lurr	y	yes, yee-juun-juh	yes, yee-juun-juh	yes, yee-juun-juh
ur	cruse	work	nurr, wuork	z	zebra	zee-bruh, nee-zee	zee-bruh, nee-zee
u/ye	buy	book, eye	buui, book, eye	zh	genre, vision	zhan-uh, vee-zhun	zhan-uh, vee-zhun

Silent 'y' is always included when 'r' appears in the spelling. Some sounds have alternative respellings (e.g. 'ov' and 'av', 'v' and 'sv') to avoid confusion with standard spellings. Hyphens are used to clarify pronunciation and to roughly separate syllables. Stressed syllables are marked in bold, while secondary stress is not given.

