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The consonants of Standard American English, written with IPA symbols, classified by voicing, place of articulation, and manner of articulation:

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State of the Glottis: Voiceless Voiced

Vowels of Standard American English

The vowels of Standard American English, written with IPA symbols, presented using the traditional American classification system:

Monophthongs:

Diphthongs:
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