

AUSTRALIAN CONSONANT SOUNDS

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The chart below gives the phonetic symbols for all the consonant sounds of Australian English. Each line shows an illustrative word for the sound, and its IPA (International Phonetic Alphabet) symbol. Asterisks in the illustrative word mark off the sound referred to, where there might be doubt.

Consonant sounds

CHIN tʃ	THIN θ	SHIN ʃ	THI*NG* ŋ	RORY ɹ
GIN dʒ	THIS ð	MEA*S*URE ʒ	YES j	

BU*TT*ER ʔ Glottal stop, used instead of t, e.g. 'beʔə butter

BU*TT*ER ɾ Tapped 'r', also used instead of t, e.g. 'beɾə butter

The letters b d f g h k l m n p s t v w z have their normal English consonant-sounds.

Other symbols

A*LONG* ' Stressed syllable ə'ɫŋ

LIT*TLE* ɾ Syllabic consonant 'lɪɾɫ

: Length mark. Hold on to the preceding sound for a long time. e.g. əv
kɔ:s of course

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'tæɪs: ɫɔɪk 'ʃɪt, beɪ ɪɾɫ 'kɔ:i:p jə ə'ɫɔɪv!

əv 'kɔ:s wɪ hev də'mɛstək 'klɔ:i:nɪz ɪn ɔ'stɹæɪlɪ:ə. 'dʒɔ:li:ən ɪz
'swɔ:i:pɪŋ θɹɔ: mɔɪ 'bɛk 'pɛsədʒ 'ɔ:i:vən ɛz wɪ: 'spɔ:i:k.

'lez ən 'ɔɪ gəv 'bɛk ə ɫŋ 'wæɪ. 'əʊnli: ði: 'eðə 'nɔɪt ɔɪ 'sed tə him,
"gɔli:, 'lez, 'jɔ: gəv 'bɛk ə 'ɫŋ 'wæɪ!"