

The table below lists the 40 sounds of US English in <u>truespel</u> and the % of ways the sounds are spelled.

The free phonetic converter is located at truespel.com.

Ways in % That USA English Sounds Are Spelled in Running Text

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The table below shows the primary ways sounds are spelled in traditional spelling (tradspel) taken from the

number of instances occurring in general text (common speech). The column "trad" means letters used

in tradspel. The percentages represent how often a sound is spelled by a particular letter or letter string.

The sample is 15.4 million words and estimated to be 90% of the words on a typical newspaper page.

The data are from a Collins Cobuild frequency count of the top 5,000 print media words converted from UK

to USA English spelling. The percentages are rounded. (Note that "_-e" means "silent e." "None" means

no letters for the sound, e.g., ~y in "few." If the total percent is less than 100% there are more ways.)

(Sounds (phonemes) are in alphabetical order. Results are rounded, so 100% means greater than 99.5%)

| | | | 1st | way | 2nd | way | 3rd | way | ⁄4th | way | /5th | way | /6th | way | / |
|------------|-------|--------|-------------|----------|--------|----------|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|--------------|
| <u>cnt</u> | sound | | <u>trad</u> | <u>%</u> | | <u>%</u> | <u>trad</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>trad</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>trad</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>trad</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| 1 | ~a | bat | "a" | 100% | | | | | | | | | | | 100% |
| 2 | ~aa | Saab | "o" | 66% | "a" | 34% | | | | | | | | | 100% |
| 3 | ~ae | sundae | e"a-e" | 34% | "ay" | 20% | "a" | 17% | ey" | 12% | ai" | 10% | "ae" | 4% | 97% |
| 4 | ~air | fair | "ere" | 30% | "ar" | 20% | "eir" | 17% | er" | 14% | "are | "9% | "air" | 7% | 97% |
| 5 | ~au | auger | "al" | 50% | "o" | 29% | "ough | "7% | "au" | 6% | "aw" | 5% | "a" | 2% | 99% |
| 6 | ~b | bat | "b" | 100% | ò | | | | | | | | | | 100% |
| 7 | ~ch | chin | "ch" | 72% | "t" | 22% | "tch" | 5% | "sc" | 1% | | | | | 100% |
| 8 | ~d | die | "d" | 100% | ò | | | | | | | | | | 100% |
| 9 | ~e | men | "e" | 77% | "a" | 9% | "ea" | 6% | "ai" | 6% | "ie" | 1% | "ie" | 1% | 100% |
| 10 | ~ee | meet | "e" | 31% | "y" | 25% | "j" | 19% | "ee" | 10% | "ea" | 10% | "ie" | 2% | 97% |
| 11 | ~er | her | "er" | 60% | "or" | 19% | "ur" | 7% | "ir" | 4% | "ure | "3% | "our" | 3% | 96% |
| 12 | ~f | fair | "f" | 96% | "ph" | 2% | "gh" | 2% | | | | | | | 100% |
| 13 | ~g | good | "g" | 98% | "x" | 2% | | | | | | | | | 100% |
| 14 | ~h | hat | "h" | 94% | "wh" | 6% | | | | | | | | | 100% |
| 15 | ~i | hip | "i" | 63% | "e" | 21% | "io" | 4% | "a" | 2% | "o" | 2% | "ee" | 2% | 94% |
| 16 | ~ie | die | "i" | 37% | "i-e" | 33% | "y" | 18% | "igh" | 8% | "ie" | 2% | "eye" | 1% | 99% |
| 17 | ~j | jet | "g" | 59% | "j" | 33% | "d" | 5% | "dg" | 3% | | | - | | 100% |
| 18 | ~k | kip | "c" | 58% | "k" | 26% | "x" | 6% | "ck" | 6% | "q" | 3% | "ch" | 1% | 100% |
| 19 | ~ | lift | " " | 100% | ,) | | | | | | | | | | 100% |
| 20 | ~m | men | "m" | 100% | ,) | | | | | | | | | | 100% |
| 21 | ~n | net | "n" | 99% | "kn" | 1% | | | | | | | | | 100% |
| 22 | ~oe | toe | "o" | 63% | "ow" | 16% | "о-е" | 15% | ou" | 3% | "oa" | 2% | "oe" | 1% | 100% |
| 23 | ~oi | point | "oi" | 62% | "oy" | 38% | | | | | | | | | 100% |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| 24 ~00 | good | "al" | 28% " | | | | | | | | | "e" | | 97% |
|---------|--------|------|--------|-----|-----|------|-----|-------|-----|------|-----|-------|-----|------|
| 25 ~or | form | "or" | 59% " | | | | 8% | "oor | '4% | "ar" | 3% | "owar | "1% | |
| 26 ~ou | out | "ou" | 69% " | ow" | 31% | | | | | | | | | 100% |
| 27 ~p | pop | "p" | 100% | | | | | | | | | | | 100% |
| 28 ~r | run | "r" | 100% | | | | | | | | | | | 100% |
| 29 ~s | sun | "s" | 83% " | c" | 14% | "x" | 3% | | | | | | | 100% |
| 30 ~sh | shed | "sh" | 51% " | ti" | 30% | "ci" | 8% | "ssi" | 3% | "s" | 2% | "ss" | 1% | 95% |
| 31 ~t | tie | "t" | 100% | | | | | | | | | | | 100% |
| 32 ~th | the | "th" | 100% | | | | | | | | | | | 100% |
| 33 ~thh | thin | "th" | 100% | | | | | | | | | | | 100% |
| 34 ~u | up | "e" | 29% " | a" | 26% | "o" | 25% | "u" | 12% | "о-е | "5% | "ou" | 1% | 98% |
| 35 ~ue | blue | "o" | 55% " | ou" | 15% | "u" | 9% | "u-e' | '6% | "00" | 6% | "ew" | 5% | 96% |
| 36 ~v | vat | "V" | 53% " | f" | 47% | | | | | | | | | 100% |
| 37 ~w | wet | "W" | 70% " | wh" | 17% | none | 10% | "qu" | 3% | | | | | 100% |
| 38 ~y | yet | none | 55% " | у" | 43% | "j" | 2% | • | | | | | | 100% |
| 39 ~z | zap | "s" | 98% " | x" | 1% | "z" | 1% | | | | | | | 100% |
| 40 ~zh | vision | "s" | 98% ": | Χ" | 1% | "g" | 1% | | | | | | | 100% |