

Although the pronunciation of many names is obvious, some require special attention. If your name is one that is pronounced in a special way, please use the key below to advise us how your name should be pronounced.

Indicate either the phonetic spelling of your name OR a familiar word that rhymes with your name.

- Syllables are separated by dashes
- Stressed syllables are capitalized

FOR EXAMPLE

Andrew Leavitt: AN-droo LEH-viht

Aaron Rogers: AIR-uhn RAH-jertz

Taylor Swift: TAY-lohr

CONSTANANTS	
Respelling symbol(s)	Example
b	but, web
ch	church, nature
d	do, odd
dh	this, breathe, father
f	fool, enough, leaf
gh	go, beg
h	ham, ahead
j	gin, joy, edge
k	cat, kiss, queen, skin, thick
kh	loch
l	left, bell
m	man, ham
n	no, tin
ng	ring, singer, sink
ng-g	finger
p	pen, spin, tip
py	pupil
r	run, very
ss	see, city, pass
sh	she, sure, emotion, leash
t	two, sting, bet
th	thing, teeth
v	voice, have
w	we
wh	what
y	yes
z	zoo, rose
zh	pleasure, vision, beige

VOWELS			
Respelling symbol(s)	Example	Respelling symbol(s)	Example
a	trap, cat	o	lot
ah	palm, pot	oh	goat, toe, go
air	square	oo	food, boot, shoe
ar	start	oor	cure or Europe
arr	marry	ohr	force or wore
aw	thought, saw	or	north or war
ay	face, ape	orr	orange
er	letter, Peter	ou	out
eh	dress, met	ow	mouth
ee	fleece, tree	oy	choice, toy
eer	near	u	strut
err	merry	uu	foot, put
ew	ewe, dew	uh	mother, comma
eye	item	ur	nurse
ih	kit, bit	urr	hurry
irr	mirror	ye	price

OTHER			
Respelling symbol(s)	Example	Respelling symbol(s)	Example
UR	further	AL	pal
AIR	hair, bare	ALL	ball
EER	beer, hear	AIL	pail
OOR	poor	ULL	hull
OR	door, for	OOL	tool
AR	car	OAL	coal
IKE	bike	EEL or EAL	deal
INE	line	ILL	pill
ITE	light, bite	ILE	style, pile
ICE	dice		