

Transcription exercises require a knowledge and proper use of IPA symbols, but only plain text can be transmitted through the web interface for Anth 383. We have therefore devised a system that will let you express accurate phonetic transcriptions using only standard keyboard symbols.

Below is a list of typing symbols to use in place of the appropriate IPA symbol. Many phonetic symbols look like letters of the alphabet, so often you can use a keyboard letter to stand for an IPA symbol. It is important to remember, however, that a phonetic symbol must always represent the same sound. For example, you can only ever use the symbol *s* to represent the sound of IPA [s], not [z].

In some cases, however, your keyboard doesn't have a particular symbol, such as ɨ, θ, or ð. If you need to express these symbols, use the names listed in the table. Some examples are provided for you.

<i>Word to transcribe</i>	<i>IPA transcription</i>	<i>Alternative</i>
monkey	mʌŋki	m-wedge-engma-ki
thug	θʌg	theta-wedge-g
that	ðæt	eth-ash-t

#### **Front vowels**

i i  
ɪ iota  
e e  
ɛ epsilon  
æ ash

#### **Central vowels**

ə schwa  
ʌ wedge

#### **Back vowels**

u u  
ʊ upsilon  
o o  
ɔ openo  
a a

#### **Stops**

p p  
b b  
t t  
d d  
k k  
g g

#### **Fricatives**

f f  
v v  
θ theta  
ð eth  
s s  
z z  
ʃ, š esh  
ʒ, ž yogh

#### **Sonorants**

w w  
y y  
r r  
l l  
m m  
n n  
ŋ engma

#### **Other obstruents**

tʃ, č c  
dʒ, ĵ j  
h h  
ʔ glottalstop