

Phonemic Symbols

The table below lists the phonemic alphabet that DECtalk Software uses, along with an example of each sound. Some dictionaries put the stress symbol after the vowel nucleus or at the start of the syllable. However, DECtalk Software requires that the stress symbol appear immediately before the vowel.

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Consonants		Vowels	
b	b et	aa	B o b
ch	ch in	ae	ba t
d	d ebt	ah	bu t
dh	th is	ao	bou ght
el	bott le	aw	bou t
en	butt on	ax	a bout
f	f in	ay	bi te
g	g uess	eh	be t
hx	h ead	ey	ba ke
jh	g in	ih	bi t
k	K en	ix	kiss es
l	l et	iy	bea t
m	m et	ow	boa t
n	n et	oy	boy
nx	si ng	rr	bi rd
p	p et	uh	bo ok
r	r ed	uw	lu te
s	s it	yu	cu te
sh	sh in	Allophones	
t	t est	dx	rid er
th	th in	lx	el ectric
v	v est	q	we e at
w	w et	rx	or ation
yx	y et	tx	Lat in
z	z oo	Silence	
zh	a z ure	_(underscore)	