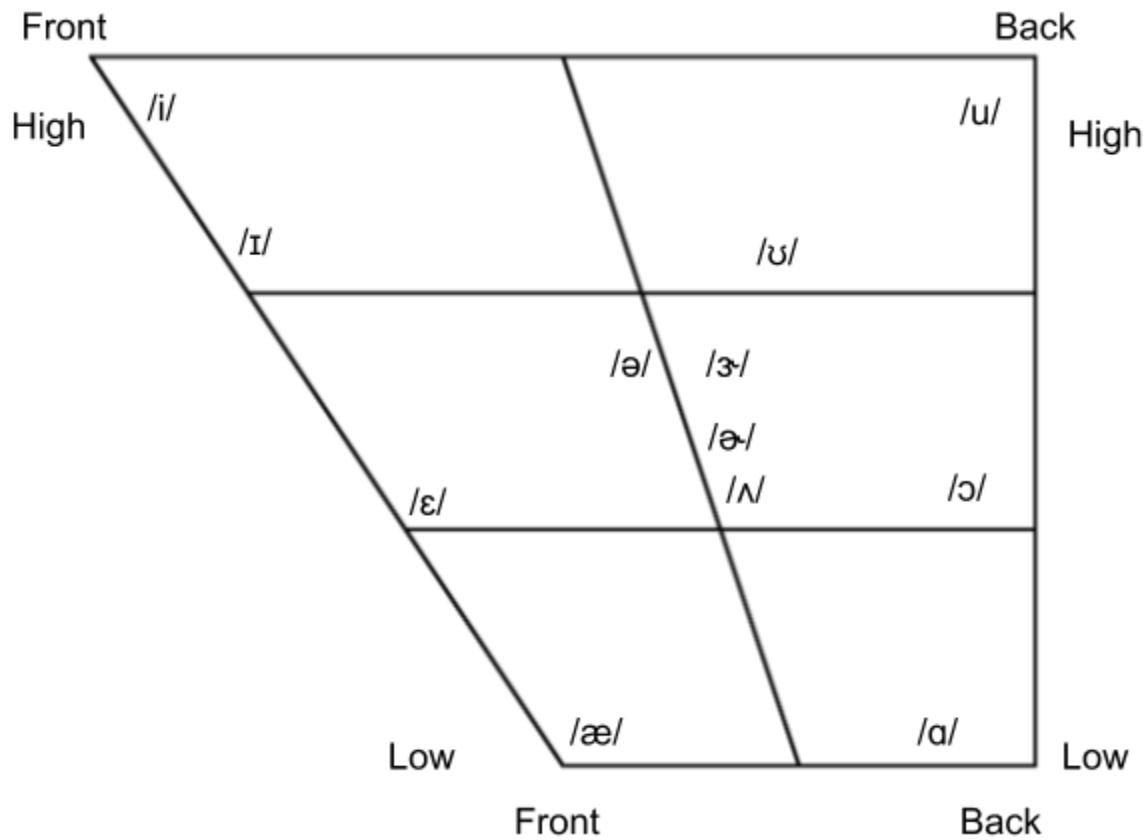




## International Phonetic Alphabet: American English Monophthongs



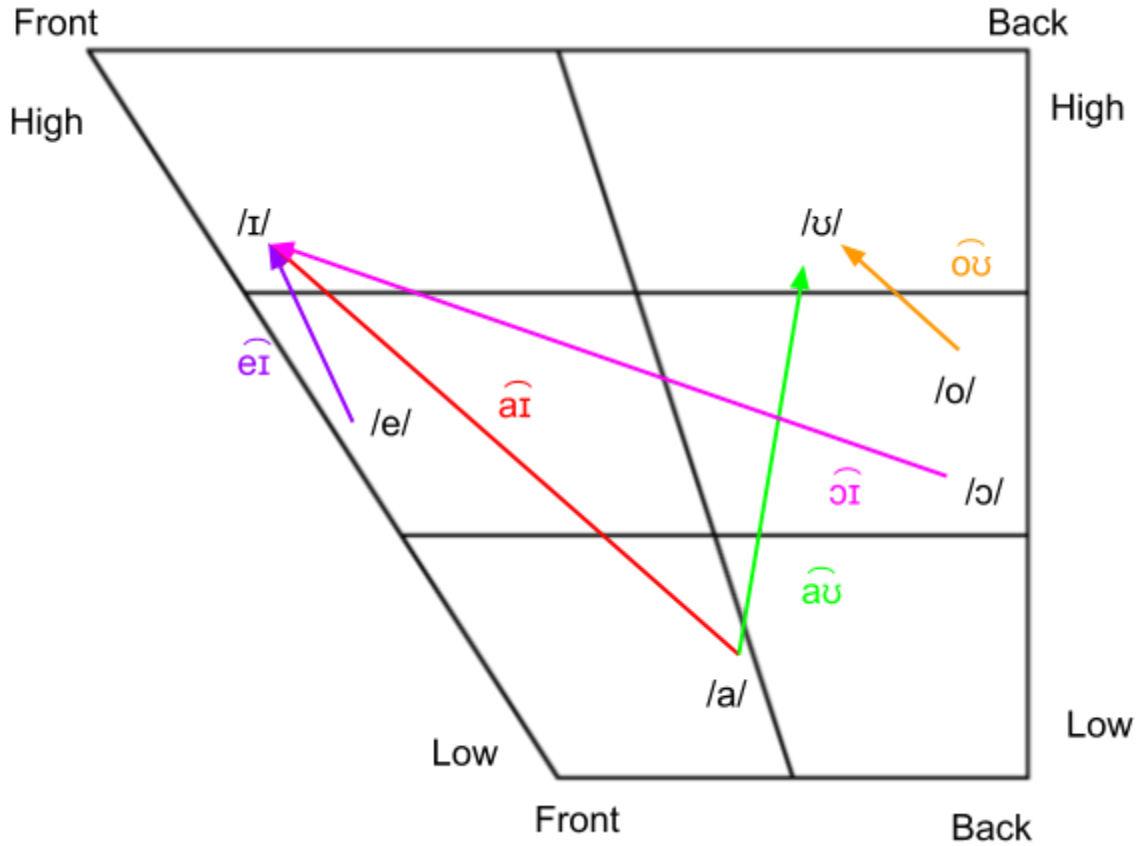
### Sample words:

Front Vowels	Central Vowels	Back Vowels
/i/ beet	/ə/ <u>a</u> bout ( <i>unstressed</i> )	/u/ boot
/ɪ/ bit	/ɐ/ mo <u>th</u> er ( <i>unstressed</i> )	/ʊ/ book
/ɛ/ bet	/ɻ/ b <u>u</u> t ( <i>stressed</i> )	/ɔ/ c <u>a</u> ught*
/æ/ bat	/ɜ:/ b <u>ir</u> d ( <i>stressed</i> )	/ɑ/ c <u>o</u> t*

\*Some dialects of American English pronounce *caught* and *cot* with the same vowel /ɑ/. This is called the *caught-cot merger*.



## International Phonetic Alphabet: American English Diphthongs



### Sample words:

<b>/eɪ/</b>	bait, late
<b>/aɪ/</b>	bite, high
<b>/aʊ/</b>	bough, how
<b>/oʊ/</b>	boat, coat
<b>/ɔɪ/</b>	boy, toy