

and are but slightly modified by the organs of speech. The letters *a, e, i, o, u, w*, and *y* represent all the vowels in the language.

• The consonant sounds, or consonants, are sounds made by the organs of speech other than the vocal cords.

VOWELS

Character	Name of Sound	Name of Discriminative Mark	Equivalent	Key Words
ā	Long <i>a</i>	Macron	a	āle, fāte, chāos
ă	Short <i>a</i>	Breve		ām, fāt, āccept
â	Long Italian	Two dots above		fār, fāther, āh
â	Short Italian	One dot above		ask, grāss, Americā
ā	Long Broad	Two dots under	ō	all, awe, swarm
ā	Short Broad	One dot under		what, was, quality
ā̄	Modified by <i>r</i>	Double macron		cāre, shāre, pārent
ā̇	Long shortened	Detached bar		senāte, prefāce
ɑ	Obscure ¹	Italic		fin(ɑ)l, inf(ɑ)nt
ē	Long <i>e</i>	Macron	i	ēve, mēte, serēne
ĕ	Short <i>e</i>	Breve		ēnd, mēt, ēfface
ē̄	Modified by <i>r</i>	Double macron		thēre, hēir, whēre
ē̇	Modified by <i>r</i>	Wave		fēr, hēr, infēr
ē̂	Like <i>ā</i>	Macron below	ā	prey, obēy, feign
ē̇	Long shortened	Detached bar		crēate, sērēne
e	Obscure ¹	Italic		rec(e)nt, nov(e)l
ī	Long <i>i</i>	Macron	y	Ice, time, bind
ĭ	Short <i>i</i>	Breve		ill, pin, pity
î	Like <i>ē</i>	Two dots above		machine, pique
ī̇	Modified by <i>r</i>	Wave		fir, hird
ī̇	Long shortened	Detached bar		idea, tribunal

¹ In this work the obscure sounds of *a* and *e* are inclosed in parentheses to distinguish them from the silent letters which are not inclosed.