**International Phonetic Alphabet (Simplified Version)**  
  
Vowels and Diphthongs  
  
iy as in tree     /triy/  
ɪ as in insect     /ɪnsɛkt/  
ɛ as in bet     /bɛt/  
æ as in cat     /kæt/  
ɑ as in hot     /hɑt/  
ʊ as in foot     /fʊt/  
uw as in boot     /buwt/  
ə as in ago     /əgow/     Remember, this is our friend, "schwa!"--most common vowel  
ey as in play     /pley/  
ow as in know     /now/  
ay as in sky     /skay/  
aw as in how     /haw/  
oy as in boy     /boy/  
  
Consonants  
  
p as in pop     /pɑp/  
b as in bit     /bɪt/  
t as in ton     /tən/  
d as in dog     /dɑg/  
k as in cat     /kæt/  
g as in gum     /gəm/  
tʃ as in chin     /tʃɪn/  
dʒ as in just     /dʒəst/  
f as in fine     /fayn/  
v as in vote     /vowt/  
θ as in thin     /θɪn/  
ð as in then     /ðɪn/  
s as in sick     /sɪk/  
z as in zoo     /zuw/  
ʃ as in shine     /ʃayn/  
ʒ as in vision     /vɪʒən/  
h as in heart     /hɑrt/  
m as in much     /mətʃ/  
n as in nice     /nays/  
ŋ as in thing     /θɪŋ/  
l as in leg     /lɛg/  
r as in read     /riyd/ or /rɛd/  
y as in yes     /yɛs/  
w as in wet     /wɛt/