

# Phonetic Spelling Guide

Help us do our best announcing your name at commencement! Please use the key below to advise us how to pronounce your name on the graduate reader card.

Indicate either the *phonetic spelling* of your name OR a familiar word that rhymes with your name.

- Syllables are separated by dashes
- Stressed syllables are capitalized

For example:

- Raul Gonzalez: rah-OOL gon-SAH-les
- Ngoc Nguyen: nahk nuhWEN or sounds like “knock” “WIN”
- Sophia Lamagna: so-FEE-uh sounds like “lasagna”

## PHONETIC SPELLING KEY:

### CONSONANTS

Respelling symbol(s)	Example
b	but, web
ch	church, nature
d	do, odd
dh	this, breathe, father
f	fool, enough, leaf
g	go, beg
h	ham, ahead
j	gin, joy, edge
k	cat, kiss, queen, skin, thick
kh	loch
l	left, bell
m	man, ham
n	no, tin
ng	ring, singer, sink
ng-g	finger
p	pen, spin, tip
py	pupil
r	run, very
s or ss	see, city, pass
sh	she, sure, emotion, leash
t	two, sting, bet
th	thing, teeth
v	voice, have
w	we
wh	what
y	yes
z	zoo, rose
zh	pleasure, vision, beige

### OTHER

Respelling symbol(s)	Example
UR	further
AIR	hair, bare
EER	beer, hear
OOR	poor
OR	door, for
AR	car
IKE	bike
INE	line
ITE	light, bite
ICE	dice
AL	pal
ALL	ball
AIL	pail
ULL	hull
OOL	tool
OAL	coal
EEL or EAL	deal
ILL	pill
ILE	style, pile

### VOWELS

Respelling symbol(s)	Example
a	trap, cat
ah or aa	palm, pot
air	square
ar	start
arr	marry
aw	thought, saw
ay, ai	face, ape
er	letter, Peter
e, eh	dress, met
ee	fleece, tree
eer	near
err	merry
ew	ewe, dew
eye	item
i or ih (Use ih at end of syllable, especially if l yields a real word, e.g. “hi”, “ski”)	kit, bit
irr	mirror
o	lot
oh or oe	goat, toe, go
oo	food, boot, shoe
oor	cure or Europe
ohr	force or wore
or or awr	north or war
orr	orange
ou	out
ow	mouth
oy	choice, toy
u	strut
uu	foot, put
uh	mother, comma
ur	nurse
urr	hurry
ye	price