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PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

The pronunciation of the *504 absolutely essential words* included in this book are those used by educated, cultured speakers in everyday, relaxed informal conversation.

Below are a list of symbols; the sound that each symbol represents can be easily understood from the key word in which it is shown.

a	back	ô	horn	f	fall	s	sit
ā	hay	oo	look	g	get	t	tin
ā	car	ōō	too	h	hotel	v	voice
ā	care	oi	toy	j	joy	w	win
e	then	u	up	k	kill	ch	church
ē	easy	û	toot	l	let	hw	white
é	bird	ū	you	m	man	zh	leisure
i	it	ou	out	n	not	y	yes
I	kite	b	bed	p	put	z	zebra
ô	home	d	done	r	rose	ŋ	drink

The unstressed vowel sound is symbolized as follows:

ə	for a as in around	ə	for i as in sanity	ə	for u as in focus
	for e as in glitter		for o as in complete		