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i:	peak	eɪ	late	p	paper	ʃ	shoe
ɪ	tip	aɪ	night	b	basket	ʒ	measure
e	step	ɔɪ	boy	t	table	tʃ	chair
æ	pack	aʊ	town	d	desk	dʒ	journey
ʌ	cut	əʊ	show	k	coin	h	head
ɑ:	task	ɪə	clear	g	gain	m	make
ɒ	stock	eə	hair	f	far	n	north
ɔ:	law	ʊə	poor	v	video	ŋ	singing
ʊ	put			θ	think	r	rose
u:	spoon			ð	this	l	late
ə	alone, teacher			s	see	j	yellow
ɜ:	early, girl			z	zero	w	water

American pronunciation differs especially in the “r”-like character of some vowels (left), as well as other vowel differences (right).

ɪr	teacher	ɪr	clear	ɑ:	is often æ	task, after
ɪr	early, girl	eɪr	hair	ɒ	is often ɑ:	stock, modern

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