
Alfred's IPA Made Easy

[a]

forward vowel

American English speakers are most familiar with this bright “ah” vowel sound as the beginning of a diphthong; however, the isolated sound can be approximated by very slowly saying the word “by.” The first vowel sound—before the tongue moves—is [a].

Italian	French
<u>ca</u> <u>ra</u>	là



Listening Lab: Example #1