

REVIVED TRADITIONAL CORNISH (BASE 1500-1800)

There are 14 diphthongs + 1 old diphthong still in occasional use + variants

IPA	First element	Second element	KS Spelling
iʊ	Short close front unrounded vowel	Short near-close back rounded vowel	u, ew, uw, yw
aɪ	Short open front unrounded vowel	Short near-close front unrounded vowel	ay
aʊ	Short open front unrounded vowel	Short near-close back rounded vowel	aw
ɛɭ	Short open-mid front unrounded vowel	Voiced retroflex approximant	êr
ɔɭ	Short open-mid back rounded vowel	Voiced retroflex approximant	or
ɔʊ	Short open-mid back rounded vowel	Short near-close back rounded vowel	ow, êw, ôw
oɪ	Short close-mid back rounded vowel	Short near-close front unrounded vowel	oy, ôy
uɭ	Short close back rounded vowel	Voiced retroflex approximant	our, ûr
uɪ	Short close back rounded vowel	Short near-close front unrounded vowel	oy, ùy
æɭ	Short open-mid front rounded vowel	Voiced retroflex approximant	eur
ɪɭ	Short near-close front unrounded vowel	Voiced retroflex approximant	ir, ur, yr
əɭ	Short mid central vowel (schwa)	Voiced retroflex approximant	àr, er, eur, òr
əɪ	Short mid central vowel (schwa)	Short near-close front unrounded vowel	ey
æɪ	Short near-open front unrounded vowel	Voiced retroflex approximant	ar

NOTES

- 1 ɹ is IPA Number 152, Unicode (hex) U+027B.
- 2 Not everyone uses retroflex R. The R-diphthongs may instead be formed with ɹ, which is a voiced *alveolar* approximant, IPA Number 151, Unicode (hex) U+0279. For those who do not use R-diphthongs at all, the relevant sounds are pure vowels (short or long according to position) followed by ɹ as a consonant.
- 3 Whichever R-sound is used, it may become devoiced before GH, H, TH. In **warbarth** the devoicing of the second diphthong can cause assimilative devoicing of the first diphthong as well.
- 4 Resyllabification occurs when medial **dh** is dropped in colloquial speech after an R-diphthong,: the diphthong resolves into simple vowel + relevant R-sound beginning the next syllable as a consonant.
- 5 Earlier [ɹɹ] or [ɹɹ] is still occasionally heard in words spelled **ur**.

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