

## How to Write Your Name Using Phonetic Spelling

NWTC wants to make sure that your name is being pronounced the way you like it. Please use the tips below to help us know how your name should be pronounced.

Separate syllables by dashes and capitalize the syllable that should be stressed.

**Examples:** Raul Gonzalez would be written as rah-OOL gon-SAH-les. Newt Eagle would be NOOT EE-gul.

### Consonants

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

### Other

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

### Vowels

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