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/Z/ sounds like the "s" in "vision" /z/ sounds like the "z" in "zoo"

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Moby Pronunciator contains many common names and phrases borrowed from other languages; special sounds include (case is significant):

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SPECIAL FEATURE OF THIS LEXICON: several hundred words pronounced differently because of their part-speech have been distinguished.

For example, the entries:

close/v kl/oU/z and close/aj kl/oU/s (terminal sibilant varies)

or

effect/n 'I/,f/E/kt and effect/v ,I/'f/E/kt (stress varies)

distinguish those two parts of speech. (Any word with this information will terminate with the virgule (slash) in the vocabulary field, followed by one or more of the following part-of-speech abbreviations:

n, v, av, aj, interj, followed by the rest of the pronunciation record.

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The phone set for this dictionary contains 39 phones, which can be found in phoneset.txt.

Stress is indicated by means of a numeral [012] attached to a vowel:

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