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Engma



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(ŋ)

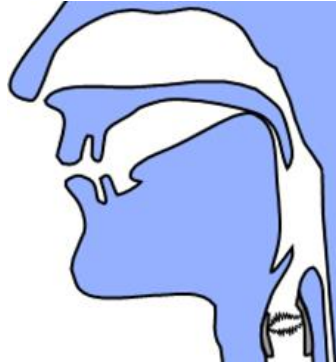
This is the symbol called the “engma”.

It is often used as a phonetic symbol.



The engma sound

In the IPA, [ŋ] represents a phone articulated with the tongue body in a **raised** and **retracted** position. The **velum** is **lowered** and comes into contact with the tongue body. **Vocal folds vibrate** as air flows out from the lungs through the **nose**.



The lowering of the velum allows air to flow through the nose.

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Further reading

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