

iCommunication #4: IPA Chart

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this is the British English phonetic

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chart it's also called the IPA chart IPA

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is an acronym for the international

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phonetic alphabet

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the symbols in the chart were developed

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by the International Phonetic

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Association as the standardized way of

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representing the sounds of spoken

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language the full IPA chart has over 160

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symbols representing all of the distinct

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sounds of all the world's languages our

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British English IPA chart uses 44 of the

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IPA symbols each symbol in the chart

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represents a distinct sound in English

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it's important that you can distinguish

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between each of the different sounds on

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the chart and that you can accurately

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reproduce them this ability will help

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you to better understand British English

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pronunciation and will also help you if

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you need to look up the pronunciation of

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any English word in a dictionary the

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boxes at the top right of the chart are

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used to show strong and weak stresses

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and the five basic intonation patterns

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in spoken English English is a stress

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based language and getting the stresses

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right while speaking is an essential

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skill to master for good pronunciation

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and for making yourself understood

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equally important are the intonation

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patterns of English these are falling

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rising falling rising rising falling and

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level intonation is another very

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important aspect of English

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pronunciation and we'll be looking in

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detail at intonation in these videos

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sounds or letters some of the symbols in

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the IPA chart match the letters of the

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alphabet and have their usual English

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sound values that is the letter of the

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alphabet and the sound represented by

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the IPA symbol are always the same this

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is only true of the following 14

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alphabetical consonants B D F H K L M NP

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R T V W

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Z the remaining seven of the consonant

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letters of the alphabet have no set

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sound value and may be represented by

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several of the IPA symbols c g j q s x y

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the five vowel letters also have no set

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sound values the vowel letters are a e i

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o u in the IPA british english chart

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there are 20 symbols that represent the

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vowel sounds take the words cat and key

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for instance both begin with a different

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consonant letter k is one of those

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consonants that are always pronounced

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the same while c is one of the

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consonants that have no set sound value

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its sound can change depending on the

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word in which it is found in the case of

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the word cat c is also pronounced as but

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it is not pronounced the same in the

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word chair cat key chair the IPA allows

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us to write down the actual sound of the

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word cat becomes at cat while key

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becomes e key and chair becomes

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err chair phonetic symbols which

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represent sounds not the letters of the

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alphabet are normally written between

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forward slashes any symbol you see

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written between forward slashes in these

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videos represents a sound not a letter

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of the alphabet

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