

iCommunication #5: Long /i:/

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let's take a look at the first of the

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pure vowel sound on our British English

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IPA chart shall we the first pure vowel

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sound on our chart is a long vowel sound

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we know it's a long vowel because it has

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two dots after it the first pure vowel

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sound is the sound we make when we say

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the letter E E is one of the five

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letters in the English alphabet that

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represent fowls these letters are a e I

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owe you this long vowel sound is heard

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in words such as tree me and P notice

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that the sound e can be spelt in many

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ways the most obvious spelling is e e as

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in the words weak feet speech and

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screech but we can also spell the sound

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e using the letters e a as in the words

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weak feet speak and scream but don't

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imagine that ei is always pronounced e

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in English that would be too easy

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wouldn't it take the word bear it's

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pronounced bear which rhymes with air

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not B but even beer doesn't have the e

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sound in it it has the diphthong ear not

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the long vowel e eeh but there are

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other combinations of letters that will

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give us the sound e we can use the

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letter e before a consonant followed by

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another letter e for example in the

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words fever scene and complete the first

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letter E is pronounced E

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as it's followed by a consonant and

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another letter e fever scene complete

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but this being English it's not always

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the case that an e followed by a

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consonant followed by another e will

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form the sound e sphere doesn't ADEA

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doesn't and neither does sincere they

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all use the diphthong sound eeeh

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a similar thing to the e formed by a

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consonant e happens to the letter I when

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it's followed by a consonant and the

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letter e for example in the word elite

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the letter i' is pronounced as the sound

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e and so it is in the word lysine an

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amino acid which is a constituent of

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most proteins

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