

IPA Transcription Practice

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Questions?



Tips for Assignment 1

- Transcribe the phones said by the speaker in the Canvas recording, not how you yourself would say the words
- Pay attention to voiced vs voiceless stops, fricatives at the ends of words: this will be important later!
 - eg “bus” vs “buzz”
- We won't grade super strictly on the vowels that are really similar (e.g. ɪ vs ɪ , ʌ vs ə)

IPA transcription practice

- Get in groups of 2 - 3
- Make sure there's at least one Partner X and Partner Z

- **Don't show your partner(s) your paper!**

- Cat groups: start with Passage 1
- Dog groups: start with Passage 2

- Transcribe in IPA, not English writing system

More IPA Transcription Practice

Feature practice

What are all the **stop** sounds?

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What are all the **high** vowels?

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What are all the **alveolar** sounds?

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What are all the **affricate** sounds?

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What are all the **velar** sounds?

What are all the approximant sounds?

What are all the central vowels?

Follow-Ups from Last Time: Russian fricatives

- Question from 11am section: Russian fricative(s) that sounds like ʃ but not quite - possibly further back? Different tongue shape?
 - Do either of these sound right?:
 - Voiceless retroflex fricative
 - Voiceless palatal or alveo-palatal fricative (here “alveo-palatal” is being used to convey that it’s more palatalized than ʃ - for this class, don’t worry about the difference, just treat alveo-palatal = postalveolar)
 - <https://web.uvic.ca/ling/resources/ipa/charts/IPAlab/IPAlab.htm>

Follow-Ups from Last Time: Russian soft vs hard

- Question from 1pm section: whether the difference between labiodental vs bilabial is like Russian soft vs hard consonants
- Russian ‘soft’ consonants, in IPA terms, are ‘palatalized’
 - This means that the tongue makes an additional constriction near the hard palate
- Palatalization doesn’t really come into play with labiodental vs bilabial (all lip and teeth stuff), but it’s a place of articulation difference in both case

More IPA practice

Transcribe this (mystery TV show trailer):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JRgyBaTulbs>

Have a great weekend!!



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