

PRONUNCIATION IPA SYMBOLS

WEEK- 4.1



IPA Symbols





opportunity



English



Grammar

English–Spanish

Spanish

Meaning of **opportunity** in English



opportunity

noun

UK /ˌɒp.ə'tjuː.nə.ti/ US /ˌɑː.pə'tuː.nə.ti/



B1 [C or U]

an occasion or situation that makes it possible to do something that you want to do or have to do, or the possibility of doing something:

- *Everyone will **have** an opportunity to comment.*
- *I was never given the opportunity **of going** to college.*
- [+ to infinitive] *The exhibition is a **unique** opportunity **to see** her later work.*
- *An ankle injury meant she **missed** the opportunity **to run** in the qualifying heat.*
- formal *Please contact us **at the earliest** opportunity (= as soon as possible).*
- *He goes fishing **at every** opportunity (= as often as possible).*
- *I used to love going out dancing, but I don't get much opportunity now.*

Ad covered content

Not interested in this ad

Ad was inappropriate

Seen this ad multiple times



STRESS





Syllables and Word Stress - English Pronunciation Lesson.mp4



CELTA - Sentence stress.mp4

Activity 1

Australian television doesn't report much on international events.



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Activity

Imagine that you receive 2 this telegram message:

SELL

CAR

GONE

FRANCE



scgf1.mp3

This sentence is not complete.

It is not a "grammatically correct" sentence. But you probably understand it.

These 4 words communicate very well.

*Somebody wants you to **sell** their **car** for them because they have **gone** to **France**.*

We can add a few words:

SELL my **CAR**

I've **GONE** to **FRANCE**



scgf2.mp3

The new words do not really add any more information.

But they make the message more correct grammatically.

We can add even more words to make one complete, grammatically correct sentence. **But the information is basically the same:**

content words

Will you **SELL** my **CAR** because I've **GONE** to **FRANCE.**

structure words



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In our sentence, the 4 **keywords** (sell, car, gone, France) are accentuated or **stressed**.

Why is this important for pronunciation? It is important because it adds "music" to the language. It is the **rhythm** of the English language.

It changes the speed at which we speak (and listen to) the language.

The time between each stressed word is the same.

In our sentence, there is **1 syllable** between SELL and CAR and **3 syllables** between CAR and GONE.

But the **time** (t) between SELL and CAR and between CAR and GONE is the same.

We maintain a constant beat
on the stressed words. To
do this, we say "my"
more **slowly**, and "because
I've" more **quickly**.

We change the speed of the small structure words so that the rhythm of the key content words stays the same.

syllables							EnglishClub.com		
2		1		3		1			
Will	you	SELL	my	CAR	because	I've	GONE	to	FRANCE.
<hr/>		<i>beat</i>	<hr/>	<i>beat</i>	<hr/>		<i>beat</i>	<hr/>	<i>beat</i>
<i>t1</i>		<i>t1</i>		<i>t1</i>		<i>t1</i>			

IMAGE PRESENTATION

