™Letter of the Latin alphabet

This article is about the letter of the alphabet. For other uses, see P (disambiguation). For technical reasons, ":P" redirects here. For the keyboard symbol, see List of emoticons.

PP p(See below)UsageWriting systemLatin scriptTypeAlphabetic and LogographicLanguage of originLatin languagePhonetic usage[p][p+ Õ²‡ –eÕ· ¼][b]/pi- ð Unicode codepointU+0050, U+0070Alphabetical position16HistoryDevelopment Ø ß P pTime period~-700 to presentDescendants • ,c • ± • ! • ! • &G • §ü • Ø ß @Sisters: À, Aõä[Åä^6Arf~• below)OtherOther letters commonly used withp(x), phThis article contains phonetic transcriptions in the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA). For an introductory guide on IPA symbols, see Help:IPA. For the distinction between [ ], / / and 'è 'é, see IPA § Brackets and transcription delimiters.

ISO basicLatin alphabet
AaBbCcDdEeFfGgHhIiJjKkLlMmNnOoPpQqRrSsTtUuVvWwXxYyZz
vte

P, or p, is the sixteenth letter of the modern English alphabet and the ISO basic Latin alphabet. Its name in English is pee (pronounced /‚‡ ’Ð/), plural pees.[1]

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History
The Semitic Pê (mouth), as well as the Greek : ÷" À (Pi), and the Etruscan and Latin letters that developed from the former alphabet, all symbolized /p/, a voiceless bilabial plosive.

Egyptian

Proto-Sinaitic

Proto-Canaanitep+ö—@

Phoenician pe

Archaic Greek Pi

Greek Pi

Etruscan P

Latin P

Use in writing systems

Late Renaissance or early Baroque design of a P, from 1627

In English orthography and most other European languages, 'èp'é represents the sound /p/. A common digraph in English is 'èph'é, which represents the sound /f/, and can be used to transliterate 'è<b~' †' –â Æö çpords from Greek. In German, the digraph 'èpf'é is common, representing a labial affricate /pf/.

Most English words beginning with 'èp'é are of foreign origin, primarily French, Latin and Greek, these languages preserve Proto-Indo-European initial *p.[citation needed]

Native English cognates of such words often start with 'èf'é, since English is a Germanic language and thus has undergone Grimm's law; a native English word with initial /p/ would reflect Proto-Indo-European initial *b, which is so rare that its existence as a phoneme is disputed.[citation needed]

However, native English words with non-initial 'èp'é are quite common; such words can come from either Kluge's law or the consonant cluster /sp/ (PIE *p has been preserved after s).[citation needed]

In the International Phonetic Alphabet, /p/ is used to represent the voiceless bilabial plosive.

Music

A bold italic letter p is used in musical notation as a dynamic indicator for "quiet". It stands for the Italian word piano.[2][3]

Related characters

Ancestors, descendants and siblings

The Latin letter P represents the same sound as the Greek letter Pi, but it looks like the Greek letter Rho.

Ø Ý : Semitic letter Pe, from which the following symbols originally derive

: À : Greek letter Pi

Ø ß : Old Italic and Old Latin P, which derives from Greek Pi, and is the ancestor of modern Latin P. The Roman P had this form (Ø ß) on coins and inscriptions until the reign of Claudius, ca. 50 AD (See also Claudian letters).

Ø ß@ : Gothic letter pertra/pairþa, which derives from Greek Pi

Aò ? : Cyrillic letter Pe, which also derives from Pi

, ,¡ : Coptic letter Pi

T¢ z: Armenian letter Pe

P with diacritics: T U V W ,c } B ¥ q[4] ˆ[5]

Uralic Phonetic Alphabet-specific symbols related to P:[6]

U+1D18   LATIN LETTER SMALL CAPITAL P

U+1D3E > MODIFIER LETTER CAPITAL P

U+1D56 V MODIFIER LETTER SMALL P

p : Subscript small p was used in the Uralic Phonetic Alphabet prior to its formal standardization in 1902[7]

Derived ligatures, abbreviations, signs and symbols

 ± : Philippine peso sign

! : script letter P, see Weierstrass p

! : sound recording copyright symbol

&G : Pluto symbol

§ü : Reversed P was used in ancient Roman texts to stand for puella (girl)[8]

§P §Q, §R §S, §T, §U : Various forms of P were used for medieval scribal abbreviations[9]

Computing codes

Character information

Preview
P
p

Unicode name

LATIN CAPITAL LETTER P

LATIN SMALL LETTER P

Encodings
decimal
hex
dec
hex

Unicode
80
U+0050
112
U+0070

UTF-8
80
50
112
70

Numeric character reference
P
P

p
p

EBCDIC family
215
D7
151
97

ASCII 1
80
50
112
70

1 Also for encodings based on ASCII, including the DOS, Windows, ISO-8859 and Macintosh families of encodings.
Other representations

NATO phonetic

Morse code

Papa

%„ %„%„%„ %„%„%„ %„

Signal flag

Flag semaphore

American manual alphabet (ASL fingerspelling)

British manual alphabet (BSL fingerspelling)

Unified English Braille

See also
Mind your Ps and Qs
Pence or "penny," the English slang for which is p (e.g. "20p" = 20 pence)
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Phonetic alphabets
International Phonetic Alphabet
X-SAMPA
Spelling alphabet
Letters (list)

Letters of the ISO basic Latin alphabet

Aa

Bb

Cc

Dd

Ee

Ff

Gg

Hh

Ii

Jj

Kk

Ll

Mm

Nn

Oo

Pp

Qq

Rr

Ss

Tt

Uu

Vv

Ww

Xx

Yy

Zz

Letter P with diacritics

T U

V W

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§P§Q

A¥

§R§S

§T§U

P07

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Multigraphs

Digraphs

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Pentagraphs

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Keyboard layouts (list)

QWERTY

QWERTZ

AZERTY

Dvorak

Colemak

BÉPO

Neo

Standards

ISO/IEC 646

Unicode

Western Latin character sets
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Letters used in mathematics
List of typographical symbols and punctuation marks

Diacritics
Palaeography

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