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How do you pronounce Fira and Firaga?

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dr_pavel_im_cia_

I pronounce it like fear-a and fear-aga. Is that correct? Fire-a and fire-aga just sounds weird to me.

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old**[–] timeandforgiveness** 71 points 10 years ago*

i pronounce it like 'fy-rah' and 'fy-rah-gah' since, you know, the first spell is 'fire' though your way makes sense* coming from Japanese.

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Actually the Japanese names are done your way. They're 'ファイア', 'ファイラ' & 'ファイガ'- Faia, Faira, and Faiga.

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Oh, interesting. I was just basing my assumptions off of romaji.

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In Japanese adding A and Ga is a little like saying Fire-A and Fire-B

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[–] saltyteabag 1 point 10 years ago

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[–] Setsuna-F-Seiei 21 points 10 years ago

I say fear-a and fear-aga

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[–] Hyperboloidof2sheets 5 points 10 years ago

I have also pronounced the spells this way my entire life. Only upon reading this thread did I realize that didn't make any sense.

Everything is different now...

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[–] spunkyweazle 17 points 10 years ago

I say fire-a and fire-aga because blizzard wouldn't suddenly become blee-zara or blee-zaga

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[–] afreauff 8 points 10 years ago

Thoondayra

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[–] indigoreality 1 point 10 years ago

I pronounce FIRA kinda like Chick Fila except replace the L with the R (like Japanizing the word).

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[–] tsoli 1 point 10 years ago

Like Chic-Fil-e?

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[–] indigoreality 1 point 10 years ago

Yeah, Chick-Fee-Lay

So yeah my friends think I'm weird when I'm talking over TeamSpeak "Hey this bomb is weak to Fee Ray"

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[–] tsoli 7 points 10 years ago

I pronounce it Fire-ah but often mush up sounds and end up saying Fear-ah-guh.

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[–] metagloria 1 point 10 years ago

I say "fur-ah" or at best "fih-ah".

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Fear-a and fear-aga always seemed the most natural to me. I never really thought about it,

though.

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As a kid playing ff2 I thought cure1 was 'curel'. I never bother to ask why it went curel, cure2, cure3, etc. I wasn't a bright kid.

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[–] Pergatory 3 points 10 years ago

I pronounce it just like "fire."

fī-rah and fī-rah-gah (ī = the "i" sound in "ice")

Anyway I'm not sure there *is* a "correct" way. You'd probably have to ask the Japanese creators, and I suspect it would be a way that doesn't make any sense to English speakers.

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[–] Muugle 51 points 10 years ago

I'm all about that fire2 fire3

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[–] monoaction 2 points 10 years ago

I gotta say I really miss these and this is one of the many (though small) reasons why I don't like FFVIII for introducing this naming system.

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I really love the new names, mostly because they're much more immersive. It's kind of hard to get into a fantasy setting when the names are just numbered like that, the newer names are more evocative, they fit the feel of a fantasy world much better.

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[–] Platinum_Disco 2 points 10 years ago

I like them too. Although I wouldn't mind if they changed them as their levels went up. Something like Fire > Inferno > Solar Flare would be totally acceptable as well.

been playing Terra Battle recently.

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How is Terra Battle?

I have it downloaded but don't have much time to play.

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[–] Platinum_Disco 1 point 10 years ago

Fun.

I sometimes have some down time at work so it's great for those 5/10 minutes of "waiting" or whatever you might not be doing. A battle usually goes five minutes, so it's good timing. It's a bit grindy, so fair warning if you don't like that aspect.

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[–] RGBBluePrints 11 points 10 years ago

I wouldn't be that happy with that. I mean, It's obvious that Thunder, Thundara and Thundaga are just the same spell with different damage and targeting options (at least in some cases), when Fire, Inferno and Solar Flare could be mixed with some other spells.

It's just an opinion based on being used to the current system though.

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[–] Platinum_Disco 1 point 10 years ago

Yea, it could become a problem if it's not easily identifiable.

Terra Battle for example has some confusing instances where the spells names and descriptions are the same, yet they have different functions or proc requisites. So until you actually acquire those skills you don't really know what they can do.

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[–] Ehkoe 1 point 10 years ago

Drives me nuts in FFXIV.

Thunder makes sense. Each tier has a longer cast time, costs more MP, and does more damage.

Fire/Blizzard are single target for 1 and 3, AoE for 2.

Why are they named the same thing if they do different things?

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[–] RGBBluePrints 1 point 10 years ago

I would have assumed the names changed when the tier changed, as XIV has other little details like this that are seen in other games of the franchise as well. This detail would have been the most logical though.

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[–] AltimaNZ 0 points 10 years ago

The funny thing is, because of the basis of the magic in FFVIII the numbers would have worked just fine.

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[–] KawaiiWolfCub 2 points 10 years ago

I pronounce them:

- Fye - rah
- Fye - rarh - gah

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[–] kenshyn666 3 points 10 years ago

i pronounce it piro, piro + and piro ++ (in spanish that's their names xD)

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[–] Mathemartemis 1 point 10 years ago

Mas si hay más piro++ seria piro++++?

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[–] kenshyn666 2 points 10 years ago

No, piro +++

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In FFXII, Balthier says it out loud. It's "Fire-aga"

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkrjvR68pAc> At roughly ten seconds, it a little hard to hear over the sound effects but if you listen he's definitely calling out the spell he is casting and there's definitely a hard "i" sound in there.

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Wow! Thanks! I say It with a hard I too,
I was just interested.

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I was honestly under the impression he's saying something along the lines of "fire at will" since he's not using the Firaga spell; he's using his Quickening.

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Yeah, but if you listen to his cadence he's obviously not saying that. It's reasonable to assume (I think) that his Quickening takes the form of "I cast Firaga and explode lots of things with it".

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Long I, short A.

I don't separate the syllables in quite the same fashion OP suggests though. Mine is more like:

Fi-ra

Fi-ra-ga

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[–] **TCK-OCR** 1 point 10 years ago

Fih-rah and Fih-rah-gah.

I may not be the best person to ask, to this day I still pronounce Regen as Ree-gehn rather than Ree-jehn.

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Fee-Ra

Fee-Ra-Guh

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[–] **angelicvixen** 1 point 10 years ago

Fy-ruh and Fy-ruh-guh Also, Blizz-uh-ruh and blizz-uh-guh Thun-der-uh and Thun-duh-guh Wat-er-uh and wat-uh-guh

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[–] **cyborgmermaid** 1 point 10 years ago

It's actually ファイラ in Japanese. so saying it like the word "fire" is correct.

But fuck that noise, I say /'fira/

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[–] **Ashenspire** 2 points 10 years ago

There really isn't a technically correct way to say it. They're not real words.

Personally, I do Fire, FEAR-ah and Fear-AH-gah.

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[–] chazzeromus 2 points 10 years ago

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[–] kevio17 3 points 10 years ago*

Fi-ra (rhymes with the name 'Myra') Fi-ra-ga
(same but with a 'ga' on the end)

I don't think I've helped answer your question. XD

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Well, they're upgrades to the Fire spell, so I've
always pronounced them fire-uh and fire-ah-ga.

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[–] Dusty_Ideas 1 point 10 years ago

Fire

Feera

Fye-raga

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[–] caelumsixsmith 2 points 10 years ago

I've always read "fee-ra" and "fee-rah-gah" bc of
my brazilian roots (in portuguese they sound that
way, but originally with a stronger R since we don't
have the soft R that english has. It's either an R
like an H or a stronger R). Always sounded right for
me :x

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[–] Fatalis05 1 point 10 years ago

Fy-Rah and Fih-ra-ga

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[–] Altzan 1 point 10 years ago

Fi-ruh and fi-ruh-juh

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[–] BloodyNobody 1 point 10 years ago

phi-rah (rhymes with Myra)

phi-rah-gah

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[–] amidoes 1 point 10 years ago

I say fi-ra and fi-ra-ga because that's how it
would sound in my language and how it sounds
best for me. Probably not the correct way but I
don't really care.

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[–] demonturkey 2 points 10 years ago

I'm with you OP, I've always pronounced them fear-
a and fear-aga. At this point I don't care if it

doesn't make sense, I'm too set in my ways to chan
now, lol.

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I say Fi-rah where the "Fi" rhymes with "eye."
Firaga is the same, but with -ga at the end. Just
the way I say it~

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[–] **gsurfer04** 1 point 10 years ago

[fira] and [firəga]

The IPA is very useful.

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[–] **Curse_of_the_Grackle** 1 point 10 years ago

FYE-ra

fye-RA-ga

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The real question is, do you pronounce "hastega"
with a glottal stop, or as hastéga?

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[–] **Gprinziv** 1 point 10 years ago

I know Fai-rah is correct, but my French and
Italian tell me that i is pronounced long E unless
accompanied by a preceding a.

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[–] **Last-Man-Standing** 3 points 10 years ago

Fee-rah and Fye-ra-ga.

I am an oddball.

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[–] **koputusx** 1 point 10 years ago

/fira/ and /firaga~firaka/

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[–] **omegakingauldron** 1 point 10 years ago

Fire-two and Fire-three

That's because I hate trying to pronouce it that
way. And I grew up on one, two and three for
spells.

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[–] **Bamiji** 1 point 10 years ago

Phi-ra & Phi-ra-ga/Fi-ra-ga

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[–] **Bamiji** 1 point 10 years ago

Phi-ra & Phi-ra-ga/Fi-ra-ga

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[–] **OvernightSiren** 1 point 10 years ago

I always said "fear-a" and "fear-aga", but I know it makes more sense as "fire-a" and "fire-aga". Not that it matters anymore, recent games seem to have shifted back to "Fire 2" and "Fire 3".

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