

Windows IPA Font instructions

You don't have to download an IPA font for this class, using an online IPA keyboard like <https://ipa.typeit.org/full/> will work just fine! But... if you *want* an IPA font, here's how to get one.

In order to type easily in IPA (without selecting individual symbols onerously), you will need to download three things: An IPA font, a phonetic keyboard, and a pdf showing you the shortcuts to use. Note: just downloading the font will still let you use the symbols, but you'll have to select them individually using "Insert Symbol".

1. IPA font

Two commonly used ones are:

- Charis SIL (<https://software.sil.org/charis/download/>)
- Doulos SIL (<https://software.sil.org/doulos/download/>)

You can see from the sample text there that they look slightly different, but they're broadly the same, so pick whichever one you like best (or download both for variety!)

2. Phonetic keyboard

<https://www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/resource/phonetics/> -- where it says "Download Unicode Phonetic Keyboard 1.10 (self-install executable, 2MB)"

(This website also has its own set of instructions linked, if mine don't make sense to you)

3. .pdf file showing the shortcuts

(<https://www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/resource/phonetics/UnicodePhoneticKeyboard101.pdf>, if you downloaded the keyboard suggested in 2)

The font and the keyboard are both .exe files. You'll have to restart your computer afterwards.

Once you've got everything installed, try typing!

- Set your font (either Charis SIL or Doulos SIL, depending on what you downloaded)
- Set your keyboard (Alt-Shift will let you switch between installed keyboard layouts, pick the one called "Unicode Phonetic Keyboard" or something similar)
- Type using the shortcuts (for instance: just typing 'a' on the keyboard will give you /a/, but Shift-a will give you /a/, and typing ALTGR-a (that's the right Alt key + 'a') will give you a ' _ ' diacritic under the previous symbol). The pdf will clue you in on how to get the symbol you're after.

Things to remember/troubleshooting:

- Many of the symbols won't appear correctly unless you're using the IPA font, so be careful about changing fonts in your document. Using Charis SIL or Doulos SIL for just the IPA symbols might change the spacing in your document (just look at the third bullet point above!)
- Not all of the symbols and diacritics in the IPA are on the keyboard (although most of the ones used in English will be). If it's not on the keyboard, you can still use it by choosing "Insert Symbol" in Word (you just have to scroll through to find it instead of using a shortcut).