

PRONUNCIATION

Pronunciation simply means how you say a word. It is the act or manner of pronouncing syllables, words, and phrases with regard to the production of sounds and the placing of stress, intonation & emphasis. The muscles of our mouth, tongue & lips play a major role in the flow of air through our mouth. And this flow in turn affects how we pronounce different words. The muscles of our mouth are developed according to our mother tongue. They need not always be developed to speak some other language and that's the reason why we face difficulty to pronounce the words of a foreign language properly.

But as the popular saying goes practice makes man perfect....With regular practice we can slowly & slowly improve our pronunciation.

Here are a few aspects of pronunciation that need to be kept in mind :

- 1)Word Stress : emphasis on certain syllables in a word
- 2)Sentence Stress : emphasis on certain words in a sentence
- 3)Linking : joining certain words together
- 4)Intonation : the rise and fall of our voice as we speak

English vowels make it really tricky to know how to say a word. "Way", "weigh" and "whey" are all pronounced in the same way!

DIFFERENT LEVELS OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE :

- 1) **Beginner** : This is where you can use very simple expressions and talk about yourself in a basic way. You need the other person to talk slowly to understand.
- 2) **Elementary** : If you have an elementary level, you can understand frequently used expressions and give basic personal information. You can talk about simple things on familiar topics.
- 3) **Intermediate** : If you can deal with most situations when traveling, describe experiences and events, and give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.
- 4) **Upper Intermediate** : This is where you feel comfortable in MOST situations. You can interact spontaneously and with a degree of fluency with native speakers, and people can understand you without too much difficulty.
- 5) **Advanced** : This is where things are really flowing, and you don't need to search for expressions. This is fluency. And you can use language in a flexible way for social, academic, and professional purposes

ROADMAP from BEGINNER to ADVANCED level :

- 1)Learn to listen
- 2)Notice the mouth & lip movements of native speakers

- 3) Break big words into smaller ones
- 4) Add stress at the right point
- 5) Try out some tongue twisters
- 6) Jot down complicated words according to their sound
- 7) Follow someone you admire
- 8) Record yourself & try to figure out your weak areas
- 9) Practice Practice Practice