

# Improving English Pronunciation for Scores

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dʒuːˈlaɪ ˈtwentiˌˈsevənθ

This morning, I did my usual 3km run.

ðɪs ˈmɔːrnɪŋ aɪ ˈdɪd maɪ ˈjuːʒuəl ˈθriːˌˈkeɪəm ˈrʌn

I want to share something about my English learning.

aɪ ˈwɒnt tə ˈʃer ˈsʌmθɪŋ əˌbaʊt maɪ ˈɪŋɡlɪʃ ˈlɜːnɪŋ

Remember I switched my midday run to English reading practice?

rɪːˈmembər aɪ ˈswɪtʃt maɪ ˌmɪdˈdeɪ ˈrʌn tə ˈɪŋɡlɪʃ ˈriːdɪŋ ˈpræktɪs

I found a big issue.

aɪ ˈfaʊnd ə ˈbɪɡ ˈɪʃuː

At first, I couldn't figure out why my scores were low.

æt ˈfɜːst aɪ ˌkʊdənt ˈfɪɡjər ˈaʊt ˌwaɪ maɪ sˈkɔːrɪz wɜː ˈloʊ

The problem was I wasn't pronouncing many sounds clearly, especially the ones that

ðə ˈprɒbləm wəz aɪ ˈwɒznt prəˈnaʊnsɪŋ ˈmeni ˈsaʊndz ˈklɪrli ɪsˈpeʃəli ðə ˈwʌnz ðæt

aren't stressed vowels.

ˌɑːrnt sˈtrest ˈvəʊəlz

These sounds were too soft and short, so the software gave me low scores.

ðiːz ˈsaʊndz wɜː ˈtuː ˈsɒft ænd ˈʃɔːrt ˌsoʊ ðə ˈsɒftwɛr ˈgeɪv ˌmiː ˈloʊ sˈkɔːrɪz

Once I realized this, my reading quality improved a lot, and my scores went up to

ˈwʌnz aɪ ˈriːəlaɪzd ˈðɪs maɪ ˈriːdɪŋ ˈkwɒliːti ɪmˈpruːvd ə ˈlɑːt ænd maɪ sˈkɔːrɪz went ˌʌp tə

above 80.

əˌbʌv ˈeɪti

Although I'm still not hitting the excellent 90 + range I'm happy to have

ɔːlˈðoʊ aɪm sˈtɪl ˌnɔːt ˈhɪtɪŋ ðɪ ˈeksələnt ˈnaɪnti ˈplʌs ˈreɪndʒ aɪm ˈhæpi tə hæv

identified this weakness

aɪˈdentiˌfaɪd ðɪs ˈwiːknəs

Feedback is super important.

'fi:dbæk        ɪz    'su:pər    ɪm'pɔ:rtənt

It shows us where to improve and where to start practicing.

ɪt    'ʃoʊz        ,ʌs    ,wer        tʊ    ɪm'pru:v        ænd    ,wer        tə    s'ta:rt    'præktɪsɪŋ