

Improving English Pronunciation for Scores

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dʒu:'laɪ 'twenti,'sevn̩θ

This morning, I did my usual 3km run.

ðɪs 'mɔːrnɪŋ aɪ 'dɪd maɪ 'juːʒuəl 'θriː,'keɪrɪəm 'rʌn

I want to share something about my English learning.

aɪ 'wɒnt tə 'ʃer 'sʌmθɪŋ ə,baut maɪ 'ɪŋɡlɪʃ 'lɜːnɪŋ

Remember I switched my midday run to English reading practice?

rɪ:'membəʁ aɪ 'swɪtʃt maɪ ,mɪd'deɪ 'rʌn tu 'ɪŋɡlɪʃ 'riːdɪŋ 'præktɪs

I found a big issue.

aɪ 'faʊnd ə 'bɪɡ 'ɪʃuː

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

æt 'fɜːst aɪ ,kʊdənt 'fɪɡjəʁ 'aʊt ,waɪ maɪ s'kɔːrɪz wɜː 'ləʊ

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

ðə 'prɔːbləm wəz aɪ 'wɔːznt prə'naʊnsɪŋ 'meni 'saʊndz 'klɪrli ɪs'peʃəli ðə 'wʌnz ðæt

aren't stressed vowels.

,ɑːrnt s'trest 'vəʊəlz

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

ðiːz 'saʊndz wɜː 'tuː 'sɒft ænd 'ʃɔːrt ,sɒ ðə 'sɒftwɛə 'geɪv ,miː 'ləʊ s'kɔːrɪz

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

'wʌnz aɪ 'riːəlaɪzd 'ðɪs maɪ 'riːdɪŋ 'kwɒliːti ɪm'pruːvd ə 'lɑːt ænd maɪ s'kɔːrɪz wɛnt ,ʌp tu

above 80.

ə,bʌv 'eɪti

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

ɔːl'dəʊ aɪm s'tɪl ,nɔːt 'hɪtɪŋ ðɪ 'eksələnt 'naɪnti 'plʌs 'reɪndʒ aɪm 'hæpi tə hæv

identified this weakness

aɪ'dentiːfaɪd ðɪs 'wiːknəs

Feedback is super important.

'fi:dbæk ɪz 'su:pər ɪm'pɔ:rtənt

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

ɪt 'ʃəʊz ,ʌs ,wer tu ɪm'pru:v ænd ,wer tə s'tɑ:rt 'præktɪsɪŋ