## **Phonetics**

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#### **Pronunciation Guidelines**

Guidelines for correctly articulating consonants and vowels to ensure clear communication.

## **Sounds Mispronounced**

Common pronunciation errors include silent letters and misplacement of stress in words.

#### **Silent and Non-Silent Letters**

Silent letters are present in spelling but not pronounced (e.g., 'knight'), while non-silent letters are always vocalized.

#### **Intonation**

Intonation refers to the rise and fall of pitch in speech, which conveys meaning and emotion.

## **Spelling Rules**

Rules that govern spelling consistency, including doubling consonants, vowel-consonant relationships, and suffix modifications.

#### **Words Often Misspelled**

Common misspelled words include 'accommodate,' 'necessary,' and 'embarrass,' which often cause confusion.

## **Mother Tongue Influence (MTI)**

MTI affects pronunciation due to the phonetic rules of a speaker's native language.

# **Techniques for Neutralization of MTI**

Practices like phonetic drills, shadowing, and listening exercises help neutralize MTI and improve pronunciation.