

Pronunciation & Spelling Cheat Sheet (Theory Only)

1. Pronunciation Guidelines (Consonants & Vowels)

Vowel Sounds

- **Short Vowels** → /æ/ (cat), /ɛ/ (pen), /ɪ/ (sit), /ɒ/ (hot), /ʌ/ (cup)
- **Long Vowels** → /ɑ:/ (car), /i:/ (feet), /ɔ:/ (law), /u:/ (moon), /ɜ:/ (bird)
- **Diphthongs** (Gliding vowels) → /eɪ/ (say), /aɪ/ (ride), /oʊ/ (go), /aʊ/ (now)

Consonant Sounds

- **Voiced Consonants** → /b/, /d/, /g/, /v/, /z/, /m/, /n/, /l/, /r/ (Vibration in vocal cords)
 - **Voiceless Consonants** → /p/, /t/, /k/, /f/, /s/, /ʃ/ (No vibration)
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2. Commonly Mispronounced Sounds

| Sound | Common Mistake | Correct Pronunciation |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| /θ/ (thin) | Pronounced as /t/ (tin) | Tongue between teeth |
| /ð/ (this) | Pronounced as /d/ (dis) | Tongue between teeth |
| /w/ (west) | Confused with /v/ (vest) | Lips rounded, no teeth |
| /ɪ/ (bit) & /i:/ (beat) | "Ship" vs. "Sheep" | Short vs. Long vowel |
| /ʒ/ (measure) | Pronounced as /z/ (mezer) | Soft "zh" sound |

3. Silent & Non-Silent Letters

Silent Letters (Do Not Pronounce)

- **Silent 'B'** → Comb, Thumb, Subtle
- **Silent 'K'** → Knife, Knee, Know
- **Silent 'G'** → Gnome, Gnat, Sign
- **Silent 'L'** → Half, Palm, Salmon
- **Silent 'P'** → Psychology, Pneumonia
- **Silent 'T'** → Listen, Castle, Ballet

Non-Silent Letters (Common Mistakes)

- **Pronounce 'L'** in 'Almond' & 'Salmon' in some English varieties.
 - **Pronounce 'H'** in 'Hotel', 'Historic' in British English but silent in some dialects.
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4. Intonation (Rise & Fall in Speech)

- **Falling Intonation** () → Used in **statements & WH-questions**. (e.g., "Where are you going?")
 - **Rising Intonation** () → Used in **yes/no questions & lists**. (e.g., "Are you coming?")
 - **Fall-Rise Intonation** () → Used to **show doubt or politeness**. (e.g., "I think so...")
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5. Spelling Rules & Commonly Misspelled Words

Spelling Rules

- "i" before "e" except after "c" → Believe, Receive
- Drop the final "e" when adding -ing → Make → Making
- Double consonants in short vowel words → Begin → Beginning
- Change "y" to "i" before adding -es → Cry → Cries

Words Often Misspelled

| Incorrect | Correct |
|------------|------------|
| Recieve | Receive |
| Seperate | Separate |
| Definately | Definitely |
| Occured | Occurred |
| Untill | Until |
| Tommorrow | Tomorrow |

6. Mother Tongue Influence (MTI) & Neutralization Techniques

What is MTI?

- **Mother Tongue Influence (MTI)** is the **interference of native language sounds & patterns** in English pronunciation.
- **Example:**
- **Indian MTI:** Pronouncing 'V' as 'W' → "Very" sounds like "Wery".
- **Spanish MTI:** Adding a vowel sound before 's' → "School" sounds like "Eschool".

Techniques for MTI Neutralization

- **Practice Phonetics** → Learn **IPA (International Phonetic Alphabet)** symbols.
- **Listen & Repeat** → Mimic native English speakers (BBC, CNN, Audiobooks).
- **Record & Compare** → Record pronunciation & match with correct sound.
- **Mouth Exercises** → Stretch tongue, lips for clear articulation.
- **Minimal Pairs Practice** → Differentiate similar sounds (e.g., ship vs. sheep, bit vs. beat).
- **Use English More Frequently** → Speak English regularly in daily conversations.

This **Pronunciation & Spelling Cheat Sheet** covers **consonants/vowels, silent/non-silent letters, intonation, spelling rules, common errors, MTI influence, and pronunciation neutralization techniques**. Let me know if you need further details!