

PRONUNCIATION TRAINING COURSE

COURSE DURATION: 12 weeks with 1.5 hours per week (one session/ week)

COURSE OUTCOMES

Upon completion of this English pronunciation training course participants will have a personal awareness of their English usage and pronunciation so that they can continue to address accent reduction and refinement after the course.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course provides intensive pronunciation practice for non-native speakers of English who want to improve the clarity of their English speech. The primary focus of the course is improvement in the areas that are most important in making speech more understandable and native-like: word-stress and phrase-stress, intonation, and the rhythm of English speech. In addition, there will be work on vowel and consonant sounds throughout the semester. Strategies for practicing and improving your pronunciation outside of class will also be introduced. We will examine the following objectives:

Discover which features of English pronunciation you need to work on to communicate more clearly.

Improve intelligibility by gaining a better understanding of English rhythm, stress, and intonation.

Improve your ability to understand fast, casual conversations in English.

Learn strategies for practicing and improving pronunciation on your own.

COURSE LITERATURE:

- Mastering American Accent- Lisa Mojsin.
- Master Spoken English, Pronunciation Workshop
- Extra materials.

COURSE MODULE

Week	Theme	Lesson Activities
Week 1	- Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Phonemic Chart with 24 consonants and 20 vowel sounds - Rules to fix pronunciation - Unvoiced and Voiced Sounds
Week 2	T – D sound Vowel : U - u Syllable stress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paired Consonants - T and D sounds in words, sentences - Discriminate two vowel sounds - Stressed and Reduced Vowels - Dangers of Stressing the Wrong Syllable
Week 3	R – W sound Vowel : ɑ:, ɒ, ɔ:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Practice R sound in the beginning, the middle and the end of the words - Mouth Shape - Tongue Twister sentences
Week 4	TH sound Intonation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Practice 2 types of TH sounds : voiced and unvoiced in all positions - Basic intonations : Statement, Listing Question
Week 5	S- Endings Vowel : i:, I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 Rules of S – Endings Plural and possessive nouns - Discriminate two vowel sounds: long E, short E

Week 6	Mid- Term Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review week 1- week 5 - Assess Pronunciation in words, sentences
Week 7	ED- Endings Vowel : æ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 Rules of ED- Endings Voiced, Unvoiced, T-D + ED - Practice simple conversations in Past tense
Week 8	F, V,M,N, NG sounds Linking Sounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Practice sounds - 3 types of Linking sounds : Consonant – Vowel, Vowel – vowel , Consonant - Consonant
Week 9	SH, CH, ZH, DG sounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paired Consonants : SH and ZH, CH and DG
Week 10	Vowel Sounds : diphthongs Minimal Pairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More Natural speaking with Vowel sounds - Comparing sounds to speak more clearly
Week 11	Review the course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review all sounds - Practice Stress and Intonation In Sentences and simple conversations
Week 12	Final Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sounds - Stress and Intonation