

21 Pronunciation changes by part of speech

Activity A

Some words exist as different parts of speech that are spelt the same but are pronounced differently, for example present (noun) is pronounced /'preznt/, whereas present (verb) is pronounced /prɪ'zent/.

Match each word with its pronunciation. Pronounce the words out loud as you do the exercise.

1 alternate (verb) ____	11 protest (noun) ____	a /'ekspɔ:t/	k /sə'spekt/
2 alternate (adj) ____	12 protest (verb) ____	b /'prəʊtest/	l /'ɒbdʒɪkt/
3 advocate (noun) ____	13 record (noun) ____	c /'ædvəkət/	m /'rekɔ:d/
4 advocate (verb) ____	14 record (verb) ____	d /səb'dʒekt/	n /'delɪgət/
5 delegate (noun) ____	15 refuse (noun) ____	e /rɪ'kɔ:d /	o /ɔ:l'tɜ:nət/
6 delegate (verb) ____	16 refuse (verb) ____	f /'delɪgət/	p /'sʌbdʒɪkt/
7 export (noun) ____	17 subject (noun) ____	g /'ɔ:ltənɪt/	q /əb'dʒekt/
8 export (verb) ____	18 subject (verb) ____	h /'ædvəkət/	r /ɪk'spɔ:t/
9 object (noun) ____	19 suspect (noun) ____	i /rɪ'fju:z/	s /'sʌspekt/
10 object (verb) ____	20 suspect (verb) ____	j /'refju:s/	t /prə'test/

Activity B

Complete each sentence with the missing pronunciation from the box above. Write a-u. The first one has been done as an example.

- I don't a to people having fun, but they seem to have a loud party every night!
- Although the party claimed not to ____ violence, it certainly attracted a violent element.
- The match attracted a crowd of 93,000, which is a ____ for the club.
- Workers walked out in ____ against the management's refusal to negotiate pay.
- I'm a great ____ of not teaching children to read too early.
- Dave tends to ____ between eating far too much and following a ridiculously strict diet.
- One of our teachers wore a very obvious wig, which made him the ____ of our ridicule.
- The ____ of today's lecture is 'The amazing human brain'.
- The country's major ____ is oil, of which it has vast reserves.
- Why does everyone ____ me of eating all the cake?
- They now grow enough cotton to ____ it to other countries.
- She is happy to ____ work to her team rather than taking on more than she can deal with herself.
- I go to the gym on ____ days, which gives my body a day to recover between sessions.
- The team is hoping to ____ its tenth consecutive victory.
- The bank has sent several aggressive letters, but I ____ to be intimidated by them.
- There are already bags of ____ piled in the street on the third day of the city's waste disposal workers' strike.
- People took to the streets to ____ against the falling standards of public education.
- Marathon runners ____ their bodies to huge amounts of stress.
- A Japanese ____ at the conference gave a brilliant talk on the psychology of marketing.
- Police have released an E-fit™ picture of the main ____ in the attack. He is described as a short, stockily-built white male with cropped black hair, aged between 25 and 30.