



5 Introduction Questions

1. What do the underlined sounds have in common?

about comomn lentil sharpen support

2. Which is the odd word out and why?

news loose choose lose zoos

3. How many 'r' sounds would you say in this sentence:

There aren't enough words here.

4. How many different ways can you say this question?

“Are you from Germany?”

5. How would this word change in different English accents?

water



5 Introduction Answers

1. They are pronounced with the same sound /ə/:

about common lentil sharpen support

2. LOOSE is pronounced with /s/ not /z/:

news loose choose loose zoos

3. In GB English 1 /r/ in connected speech, regional accents may pronounce them all:

There aren't enough words here.

4. Infinite, but 12 clearly distinguishable ways: 4 possible main stresses, 3 possible intonation patterns on each.

“Are you from Germany?”

5. Each sound could be pronounced in a different way - particularly 't' and 'er':

water



1. are you from **Germany**
2. are you **from** Germany
3. are **you** from Germany
4. **are** you from Germany

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9. are you from ↘ ↗ **Germany**
10. are you ↘ ↗ **from** Germany
11. are ↘ ↗ **you** from Germany
12. ↘ ↗ **are** you from Germany

Choosing a Learning Model



Name 10 different English accents:

1.

2.

3.

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10.



Comparing Accents



Say the following sentence in each accent you listed:

“The car’s broken down, I think its radiator’s leaking”.

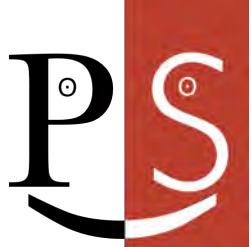


GB English (General British)



- / 'Standard' set of sounds and intonation.
- / Widely heard so plenty of exposure.
- / Regional influences appear.
- / Modern and changing model.





45 Sounds IPA Chart

1 i: need	2 ɪ thin	3 e went	4 æ cat	13 eɪ pay	14 ɔɪ noise	15 aɪ fine
5 ə alive	6 ɜ: third	7 ʌ fun	8 ɑ: car	16 əʊ no	17 aʊ round	
9 u: few	10 ʊ put	11 ɔ: talk	12 ɒ rob	18 ɪə beer	19 eə care	

20 p pin	21 b bag	22 t time	23 d door	24 k cash	25 g girl	26 ŋ football
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voiceless

voiced

27 f full	28 v vest	29 θ think	30 ð those	31 s sight	32 z zoo	33 ʃ shirt	34 ʒ pleasure	35 h high
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36 tʃ chose	37 dʒ joy
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38 m mood	39 n now	40 ŋ bang
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41 w wall	42 j yellow	43 r room	44 l law	45 ɫ pill
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Unique Challenges of English

Why do you think English has become so popular?

Why is English spelling irregular?

Where do most English words come from?



**What's the difference
between a vowel sound and
a consonant sound?**





vowel = shape of air
consonant = block of air



Thai Pronunciation Problems in English



Which problems have you heard Thai learners experience in the following areas?

consonant sounds
vowel sounds
connected speech

Thai Consonant Sound Errors



consonant clusters (pr, str, bl)

/tʃ, dʒ, ʃ, ʒ/

/r/ & /l/

dropping consonants

final consonants

th sounds: /θ/ & /ð/

devoicing (/d/ to /t/ etc.)

Drilling Consonants



RHYTHM DRILL

p	p	p	p
pp	pp	pp	p
ppp	ppp	ppp	p
pppp	pppp	pppp	p



SYLLABLE POSITION DRILL

pa apa ap
sha asha ash
pra apra apr

Consonant Teaching Checklist



For accurate consonant pronunciation ask the following 3 questions:

- / Where in the mouth is the block? (lips, teeth, tongue etc.)
- / How is the air stopped? (full stop, squeeze etc.)
- / Is the voice used or not? (compare /s/ and /z/)

This approach can be summed up as PLACE, TYPE, VOICING





Thai Vowel Errors



/ɪ/ SHIP vs /iː/ SHEEP (position)

nasalising vowels

/ʌ/ HUT vs /æ/ HAT vs /ɑː/ HEART (position)

/ɜː/ THIRD, WORK, HEARD (position)

closing double vowels (diphthongs)

/eɪ,ɔɪ,aɪ,əʊ,aʊ/

vowel lengths

weak vowels



Vowel Length

All of these contain the same /uː/ vowel phoneme, but which is longest and which is shortest?

loose lose loser looser



Vowel Length

Normally they would be in this order (longest first):

lose loser loose loser

English vowel sounds change length owing to the sounds around them, and the amount of stress placed on them.

Vowel Teaching Checklist



For accurate vowel pronunciation, ask:

- / Is the chosen vowel sound correct? (from 19)
- / Is the mouth in the right shape? (tongue, lips, jaw)
- / How long is the vowel sound? (not fixed)





Linking Words

How do the words join in the following sentence?

“Can our old enemies accept it’s over at last?”



Linking Words

“Can our old enemies accept it's over at last?”

Ca nou rol denemie zaksep ti? sove rə? last



Teaching Linking Sounds

“That isn’t in.”	=	tha ti zn tin
“wash an apple”	=	
“park under it”	=	
“all of us are in”	=	
“but it isn’t up”	=	
“with open arms”	=	



Sounds in Words



What is a syllable?

How many sounds can appear in one syllable?

Does a syllable always contain a vowel sound?

Sounds in Words



A syllable is a unit of pronunciation normally containing a vowel and possibly consonants either before or after or both.



In English up to 7 sounds could appear together in one syllable, every language is different.

An English syllable can appear without a vowel sound like the syllable /m/ in 'Buddhism', but it is quite rare.

Thai vs English Syllables

English

V	are
VC	ark
VCC	arched
CV	car
CCV	scar
CVC	part
CCVC	scarred
CCVCC	scathed
CCCVCC	scratched
CCCVCCC	squelched

Thai

CV	นา
CVC*	เตียง
CCV	กว่า

*only: n / ng / m / p / t / k