Pronunciation module

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Warm-up

Discuss the following questions in groups of 3-4.

What is pronunciation? What does it include?

How have you learned English pronunciation so far?

What have you found difficult about English pronunciation? What have you found easy?

What are the main differences between English pronunciation and the pronunciation of your language?

How important do you think correct pronunciation is? Why?

Do you think you need to improve your pronunciation? If so, do you know how you can do it?

How much do you know? (OulS)

Try to do the quiz as quickly as possible:

1.	How many	letters a	re there	in the	English	alphabet:

- a) 26
- b) 30
- c) 34
- d) 44

2. How many sounds are there in English:

- a) 26
- b) 30
- c) 34
- d) 44
- 3. A, E, I, O, U are:
 - a) consonants
 - b) monophtongs
 - c) vowels
 - d) dipthongs

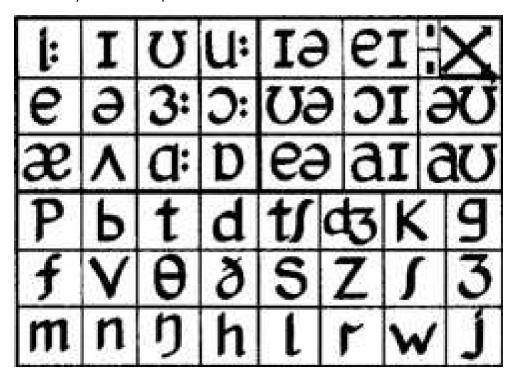
4. P, M, V, D, X are:

- a) consonants
- b) syllables
- c) vowels
- d) dipthongs
- 5. How many syllables are there in the word *obviously*:
 - a) 5
 - b) 2
 - c) 3
 - d) 4

- 6. In which of the following pairs both words contain a **silent letter**:
 - a) listen, psychology
 - b) wash, knife
 - c) autumn, secret
 - d) often, cat
- 7. Which of the following words ends in a voiced consonant:
 - a) snack
 - b) bread
 - c) leaf
 - d) sink
- 8. Word stress in English can be placed:
 - a) only on the first syllable
 - b) only on the second syllable
 - c) only on the third syllable
 - d) any of the above

Divide into groups based on the cards that your teacher gives you. In your group, carry out the following tasks.

What can you see in the picture below? What is it used for?



Can you pronounce all the sounds correctly? Take it in turns to read all the symbols. Then check here.

Tip

If you want to find out more about English phonetics and the International Phonemic Chart (IPA), watch this <u>YouTube playlist</u>.

Discuss in your group:

Is it useful for English learners to be able to read the IPA? Why (not)?

In your opinion, is it a useful skill to be able to record the pronunciation of English words using the IPA? Why (not)?

Can you do it? Let's try! Write the following words:
/sku:l/
/_edʒuˈkeɪʃn/
/ˈhɒlədeɪ/
/'grædʒuət/
/kəˈrɪkjələm/
Transcribe the following words:
university
teacher
homework
exam

Resource Bank

Anglická výslovnost s Irenou

BBC Learning English – Tim's pronunciation workshop

Pronunciation skills with Adrian Underhill

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ELSA – personal pronunciation coach app

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