

## A COLLECTION OF PRONUNCIATION ERRORS

ABANDONED

ABROAD

ACCEPT x EXCEPT

ACCESSORY

to ACCOMPANY; ACCOMPANIED

ACHE (HEADACHE)

ACHIEVEMENT

ACQUAINTANCE

ADAPT x ADOPT

ADDITIONAL

ADJACENT

ADJECTIVE, ADJECTIVAL

ADMIRE x ADMIRABLE

ADO

ADOBE READER

ADVERTISEMENT x ADVERTISING x ADVERT

AEON

AERIAL

AEROBICS

AFFIDAVIT

AGILE

AISLE; to walk down the aisle; see ISLE

ALASKA

ALLEGIANCE

to ALLOW, an ALLOWANCE

ALMOND

ALSO

ALTAR

AMATEUR

AMIABLE

AMICABLE

ANALOGY

ANALYSIS, pl. ANALYSES

to ANALYSE – 3rd pers.sg. he/she ANALYSES

ANATHEMA

ANCHOR

ANGELES (L.A.) x ANGLES

ANONYMOUS x UNANIMOUS

ANT, ANTEATER

ANXIETY

APOSTROPHE, CATASTROPHE

APPETITE

ARAB, ARABIC

AREN'T

ALBEIT

APARTHEID

ARCHAIC

ARCHANGEL x ARCHBISHOP

ARCHIPELAGO

ARCHITECT(URE)

ARCTIC

AREA

*Aspirations: if they're missing after ptk under stress  
they're perceived as bdg.*

*Recent confusion: POMPEI x BOMBAY*

ASSESSMENT

ASSOCIATED

ASTHMA  
ATHLETE x ATHLETICS  
ATROCIOUS  
ATYPICAL  
AUBERGINE  
AUNT  
AUSTRALIA  
AUTOMOBILE  
AWE  
AWRY  
BABEL  
BALD x BOLD  
BALLET  
the BALKANS  
BALM  
BANAL  
BASIC, BASICALLY  
BASS (in music) x BASS (fish)  
BEAR  
BEARD x BIRD  
BEELZEBUB  
BELARUS  
BELOVED  
BERET  
BIATHLON, BIATHLETE  
BIRMINGHAM  
BLOOD  
BOAST x BOOST  
BOMB  
BOROUGH

BOUGH a branch

BOUGHT

BOW a ribbon, a tie = a BOW and arrow  
to BOW to the audience

BRAZIL

BREATH x to BREATHE

BRISTOL x BRISTLE

BROCHURE

BROOCH

BUDDHA, BUDDHISM

BULLET

BULLOCK

BULLY

BUSH

BUTCHER

BUTTOCKS

CACHE

CAESAR SALAD, CAESAREAN SECTION

CAFÉ – CAFFE - COFFEE

CAMBRIDGE

CAMEL

CANAL x KENNEL

CANOE

CAPABLE

CAREER x CARRIER

CARNIVORE

CASTLE

CATHOLIC, CATHOLICISM

CAUCASIAN

CEDAR

CENSURE  
CERAMIC  
CERTAIN, -LY  
CHALET  
CHAMPAGNE  
CHANDELIER  
CHANGE, RANGE, STRANGE  
CHARACTER, CHARACTERISTIC  
CHASM  
CHEF  
CHEMISTRY  
CHICAGO  
CHILE  
CHIMERA  
CHOIR  
**CHOSEN**  
CIRCUIT, CIRCUMSTANCES  
CLAW  
CLEANSE x CLEAN  
CLERK  
CLIMB, CLIMBER – THUMB – DUMB  
CLOTHES x CLOTHS  
COAST x COST  
COCA-COLA  
COLONEL  
COLUMN  
COLLEAGUE  
COMB  
COMFORTABLE  
COMPANY

COMPONENT

COMRADE

CONCERTO

CONSCIENCE (x SCIENCE), CONSCIENTIOUS,-LY

CONSCIOUSNESS

CONSEQUENCE x SEQUENCE

CONSIST, INSIST

CORPS

COUGH

COUNTRY

COURSE x CURSE

COUSIN

a COVE

COVER x COWARD

to CREATE - CREATION – CREATURE

CRETE

CROOKED

CRUISE

CUPBOARD

CUSHION

CUTICLE

CZECH

DAGGER

DAIRY

DEAF

DEBRIS

DEBT, DEBTOR

DECADE x DECAY, DECAYED

**DECEASED**

DECLINE

DECORATIVE

to **DECREASE**; a **DECREASE**

**To DEFER**

DELETE

DEMOSTHENES

DEPTH

DESCENT x DECENT

DESERT x to DESERT, a DESSERT

DETERMINED

DEVIL x EVIL

**DIABETES**

DIARRHEA, DIARRHOEA

DIFFER

DILATE

DILEMMA

DIPHThERIA

DIVORCED

*DON'T*

DOUBT

DOUGH

DOVE

DOZEN

DRAUGHT

DREARY

DROUGHT

DUCAT

DYNASTY

EARLY

ECHO

ECONOMY, ECONOMIST, ECONOMICS,  
ECONOMETRICS, ECONOMICIZATION

EDINBURGH

EGYPT

ELABORATE adj., to ELABORATE

ELECTORAL

ELIGIBLE x ILLEGIBLE

ELITE

ENDEAVOUR

to ENDOW

ENGINE

EPOCH(AL)

ERUDITE

ESPRESSO

EUROPEAN

EVENT

EWE a female sheep

to EXAMINE

EXCURSION, INCURSION

**EXEMPT**

EXPENSIVE

EXPERTISE

FAÇADE

FEUD

FIANCÉ, FIANCÉE

FIGURE

FINALE

FINANCE

FLOUR FLOWER FLOOR

FOCUS



**FOETUS**

FOLK

FORTE

FRAUD x FREUD

FRONT

FRUIT

GAOL = JAIL

GARAGE

GAUGE

GENERAL

GENRE

GENUINE

GESTURE

GIGANTIC

GIGGLE

GINGER

GLOUCESTER

GLOVES

to GNAW

GNOME

GORGEOUS

GRAPEFRUIT

GREENWICH

GRIND

GUINEA-PIG

GYNAECOLOGIST

HACKNEYED

HARASSMENT

HARE, HAIR

HEARSE

HEAVE x HEAVEN x HAVEN  
HEIR  
HELIUM, HELIX  
HEPATITIS  
HEROINE x HERO  
HIATUS  
HIDEOUS  
HIERARCHY, HIERARCHICAL  
HI-FI  
HIGH x HEIGHT  
HILARIOUS  
HOMOGENEOUS  
HONEST, HONOUR  
HOSTEL  
HOTEL  
HYMN  
HYPERBOLE  
HYPERMARKET  
HYPOTHESIS, -ES  
IKEA  
INDECISIVE  
INNATE  
INSECTICIDE  
INSIST  
INSOLENT  
INSOUCIANT  
INTERESTING, INTERESTED  
INTRINSIC  
IRON  
ISLAND x ICELAND;

ISLE OF ..., ISLET a little one  
ISOSCELES  
ISSUE  
ITINERARY  
JAGUAR  
JAPAN, JAPANESE  
JARGON  
**JEWEL**  
**JUDAISM**  
KANGAROO  
KEY  
KINDLING  
KNEAD  
KNIFE  
KNIGHT  
LAMB  
LAPEL  
LAUGH(TER)  
LAUREATE  
LEAD (UNLEADED PETROL) x to LEAD  
LEICESTER  
LEONARD x LEO, LEONARDO  
LEVIATHAN  
LEVI'S  
LETHAL  
to **LIAISE; LIAISON**  
LIEU  
LIEUTENANT  
LILAC  
LINEN x LINING

**LINEAGE, LINEAL, LINEAR**

LONGEVITY

LONGING

LOUNGE x LONG

LOW x LAW

MACABRE

MACHETE

MADRID

MAGI

MAJOR, MAJORETTE

MANIAC, MANIACAL

**MANSION**

MARGARINE

MARGIN, -AL

MASCARA

MASSACRE

MASSAGE

MATTE x MATE

MAURITIUS

MAYONNAISE

MAYOR, MAYORAL

MEDIA, to MEDiate x IMMEDIATE

MEDIEVAL

MELEE

MIGRAINE

MINIATURE

MINUTE (60 seconds) x MINUTE (very little)

MISCELLANEOUS

MODEL

MOLE

MONTH  
MOSQUITO  
MOUE, MOO  
MOUSTACHE  
NAÏVE, NAÏVETY  
NAPLES  
NATION x NATIONAL  
NATURE x NATURAL  
**NIHILISM**  
the NOBEL Prize  
NOMINALISATION  
NOVEL  
NUMB  
to OCCUR, OCCURRENCE  
OBSTINATE  
OCCUPATION  
OLD  
OMIT, OMISSION  
OMNISCIENT  
ONLY  
OPPORTUNITY  
ORCHARD  
OVEN  
OWL  
to OWN; my OWN  
PALM  
PARENT  
PARIAH  
PARLIAMENT  
PARQUET

PARTICIPANT

PARTICULAR

PASTICHE

PASTORAL

PATIO

PATROL x PETROL

a PEAR (the fruit) as opposed to a PIER x to PURR

PENAL

PER CENT

PERCHANCE

PERFORMANCE

PERSON x PERSONAL x PERSONNEL

PHARAOH; pharaoh ants

**PHILHARMONIC**

THE PHILIPPINES

PHONETICS, PHONETICIAN

PHOTOGRAPH, PHOTOGRAPHY

PHTHISIS

PICTURESQUE

PILATES

PINAFORE

PISCES

PLAGUE

PLAIT

PLAQUE

PLUMB x PLUMP

PLUMBER

PNEUMATIC DRILL

PNEUMONIA

POEM

Polish x POLISH

POLL

POSSESSION

POST

POUR

PRAISE

a PREFACE to a book

PRICE cost x PRIZE award

PRIORITY

PRIVACY

PROBLEM

PROLOGUE

to PROLONG

PROSTHETIC

PSALM

PSORIASIS

PSYCHIATRY, -IST

PSYCHOLOGY, -IST

PUBLIC

PUPIL the same pron. for 'student' and 'eye'

PURCHASE

PURE

PUT, PUTT

QUARTZ

QUAY

QUESTIONNAIRE

QUEUE

to RAISE x to RISE

RAPPORT

Reading x reading

RECEIPT

RECIPE

A RECORD; TO RECORD

REFER, REFERRED TO, REFERENCE

REHEARSAL, TO REHEARSE

REPUGNANT

RESERVOIR

RESTAURANT

REVOLUTION

RHETORICS x RHETORIC adj.

ROGUE x ROUGE

ROOT x ROUTE x ROUTER

ROW (a line) x ROW (a quarrel)

SACCHARIDE

SALMON

SCARCE, -LY

SCENE, SCENERY

SCHEME

SCHIZOPHRENIA, -IC

SCIATICA

SCYTHE x SCATHE (to escape unscathed)

SEISMIC

SEMIOTICS

to SEPARATE x SEPARATE (adj.) lives

to SEVER = separate x SEVERE cold

SEWER

SHARED

SHOT x SHOOT

SHOULD

SIEVE



SIMILE  
SINCERELY  
SINGER  
SLOTH  
SOLUTION  
SOME  
SOUR  
SPAGHETTI  
STEINBECK (JOHN)  
SUBTLE  
SUCCESS  
SUEDE  
SUFFICE  
**SUGGEST**  
SUICIDE  
SUIT x SUITE  
SUPER  
SURFACE  
SURVEILLANCE  
SURVEY  
SWAN  
SWEAT x SWEET, SWEATER  
SWORD  
SYNTAX  
TARGET  
TEAR-TORE-TORN as opposed to crying TEARS  
TECHNICAL  
TEMPLATE  
THEATRICAL  
THEIR

THERMOMETER

THESAURUS

THESIS, -ES

THOROUGH – THOROUGHLY –

THOROUGHFARE

THROUGH

THROUGHOUT

THRILLER - TRAILER

TOBACCO

TOMB RAIDER

TOWARD

TREASURE

**TRIBUNAL**

TRIPARTITE

TROUGH

TSAR

20th – PRETTIER – the LOVELIEST

UKRAINE

**ULTIMATE**

UNIT, UNITED, UNITY

UNIVERSITY

UNPRECEDENTED

URBAN

URGE, URGENT

a USE x to USE, an ABUSE x to ABUSE

USUALLY

VALLEY x WALLET x VALET

VARIABLE

VEGETABLE

VEHICLE

VENEREAL

VENOM, -OUS (poison, -ous)

VENOUS (e.g. intravenous, into the vein)

VENUS planet

VICIOUS

VILLAGE

VINEYARD

VISCOUNT

VOLLEYBALL

VOW

VOYAGE

**VOYER**

WARY x WEARY

WEAR

WEIRD

WHILST

WICKED

WI-FI

WILD x WILDERNESS

WILT

WIND – WOUND - WOUND

WOLF

WOMB

WORCESTERSHIRE SAUCE

WORD

WORK

WORLD

WORRIED

WOUND

WRATH

WREATH

XENOPHOBIA

XYLOPHONE

YACHT

YAWN

ZOO

ZOOLOGY