

# 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

**AGENDA**

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

**APOCALYPSE**

APOSTROPHE, CATASTROPHE

APPETITE

**AQUARIUS**

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  
CATER, CATERING  
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

COMPANION

COMPANY

**COMPLETION**

COMPONENT

COMRADE

CONCERTO

CONSCIENCE (x SCIENCE), CONSCIENTIOUS,-LY

CONSCIOUSNESS

CONSEQUENCE x SEQUENCE

CONSIST, INSIST

**COOPERATIVE**

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, ECONOMIZATION  
EDINBURGH  
EGYPT  
ELABORATE adj., to ELABORATE  
ELECTORAL  
ELIGIBLE x ILLEGIBLE  
ELITE  
ENDEAVOUR  
to ENDOW  
ENGINE  
EPOCH(AL)  
ERUDITE  
ESPRESSO  
ETIQUETTE  
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  
**Fulghum**  
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  
**LEPER**  
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

**MERCHANT**

MIGRAINE

MINIATURE

MINUTE (60 seconds) x MINUTE (very little)

MISCELLANEOUS

**MISERY** x **Missouri**

MODEL x **MODAL**

MOLE

MONTH

MOSQUITO

MOUE, MOO

MOUSTACHE

**MUNDANE**

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

**POIGNANT**

**POLICY**

Polish x POLISH

POLL

POSSESSION

POST

POUR

PRAISE

**PREDATOR**

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

**PURGATORY**

**PURSUIT**

PUT, PUTT

QUARTZ

QUAY

QUESTIONNAIRE

QUEUE

to RAISE x to RISE

RAPPORT

**RAW**

Reading x reading

RECEIPT

RECIPE

A RECORD; TO RECORD

REFER, REFERRED TO, REFERENCE

REHEARSAL, TO REHEARSE

REPUGNANT

RESERVOIR

RESTAURANT

REVOLUTION

RHETORICS x RHETORICAL adj.



ROGUE x ROUGE

ROOT x ROUTE x ROUTER

ROW (a line) x ROW (a quarrel)

SACCHARIDE

SALMON

SCARCE, -LY

SCENE, SCENERY

**SCHEDULE**

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

**SPECIFIC**

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

**THOSE**

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  
**VIKINGS**  
VILLAGE

VINEYARD  
VISCOUNT  
VOLLEYBALL  
VOW  
VOYAGE  
VOYER  
WARS pronounced as WORSE  
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