

## 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

**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

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  
**COMPANION**

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

**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

MODEL x **MODAL**

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

**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

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

SCYTHER 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  
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