

## THE STRATEGIES OF IMPROVING ENGLISH PRONUNCIATION FOR BEGINNERS

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**Abstract:** In this article, the information is provided about what pronunciation is, the role of pronunciation while learning English language and why pronunciation is important to learn English language in a fluent way. In addition to that the learner has the opportunity to learn how to improve pronunciation effortlessly and quickly along with important aspects of pronunciation. Besides, the beginner learners can be aware of the effective strategies and ways which are beneficial for beginners for boosting their pronunciation in learning process.

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To become proficient in a second language, learners need to pay attention to various aspects beyond just grammar and vocabulary, which are often emphasized in high school due to their ease of teaching and testing. However, this approach can lead to neglect of practical communication skills. Many English learners excel in written English but struggle to speak fluently. Yet, acquiring spoken communication skills isn't as daunting as it seems. With regular speaking practice and exposure to native speakers, students can become as comfortable speaking English as they are with writing it.

Pronunciation - the articulation of speech sounds for effective communication, poses the greatest challenge in English learning. Unfortunately, pronunciation instruction in English as a foreign language programs has often been neglected due to various reasons. However, mastering grammar and vocabulary alone isn't sufficient; correct pronunciation is essential to prevent communication breakdowns when constructing sentences.

There are some strategies and tips that can be beneficial for beginners to improve their pronunciation during the learning process:

### **Listen and imitate**

Pay close attention to native speakers' pronunciation by listening to audio recordings, podcasts, or watching videos. Try to imitate their pronunciation as closely as possible.

### **Use pronunciation guides**

Utilize pronunciation guides, such as online dictionaries or language learning apps, to understand how words are pronounced phonetically. Practice pronouncing words using these guides.

### **Record yourself**

Record yourself speaking and compare it to native speakers' pronunciation. This can help you identify areas for improvement and track your progress over time. **Focus on sounds**

Pay attention to individual sounds in the language and practice producing them correctly. Work on challenging sounds until you can pronounce them accurately. **Be patient and persistent**

Improving pronunciation takes time and consistent effort. Don't get discouraged by mistakes, and keep practicing regularly to see gradual improvement.

By incorporating these strategies into your language learning routine, you can effectively boost your pronunciation skills as a beginner.

People quickly decide if someone is good at English by how they talk, even though it's not always fair. Even if someone knows lots of words and grammar, if they don't say them right, others might think they're not good at English. Bad pronunciation can make it hard for people to understand and can even cause problems in talking. But if someone talks clearly, others will think they're better at English, even if they make some mistakes. Speaking well also makes people feel more confident. It's important to know that speaking "well" doesn't mean sounding exactly like a native speaker. Trying to sound like them is too hard and not needed. Instead, just try to talk so others can understand you easily and have good conversations. If listening is too hard, people might stop paying attention. Pronunciation refers to how we articulate and produce the sounds of words. When we pronounce a word, we create its sound by pushing air from our lungs through our throat, vocal cords, mouth, tongue, and finally out between our teeth and lips. If we can control the shape of our mouth and the airflow accurately, our pronunciation becomes clear, making it easier for others to understand us. Regular practice of pronunciation in a foreign language helps to develop our muscles and improve pronunciation skills.

In addition to mastering correct vowel and consonant sounds by utilizing the muscles of our mouth, tongue, and lips, there are other vital aspects of pronunciation, including:

**Word stress** - highlighting specific syllables in a word.

**Sentence stress** - emphasizing certain words within a sentence.

**Linking** - connecting certain words together.

**Intonation** - the natural rise and fall of our voice as we speak.

All of these aspects of pronunciation are essential for beginner learners to pay attention while learning a second language in order to pronounce words correctly. In addition to that using all of these important aspects of pronunciation when the learners speak in a second language, their self-confidence will be improved due to the correct pronunciation.

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