

# LANGUAGE CORNER

## SAY IT RIGHT

Mispronouncing words is a mistake that can happen to everyone. Therefore, being aware of these common mispronunciations can help improve your pronunciation and communication skills.

WORD	IPA SYMBOL	CORRECT PRONUNCIATIONS	COMMONLY WRONG WAY	SENTENCE
superstition	/,su:.pə'stɪʃ.ən/	soo-per-STISH-uhn	soo-per-sti-shun	My aunt believed in many <i>superstitions</i> .
leprechaun	/'lep.rə.kə:n/	LEP-ruh-kawn	lep-ruh-chawn	The <i>leprechaun</i> hid his pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.
carriage	/'kær.ɪdʒ/	KER-ij	kair-ij	The king arrived in a horse-drawn <i>carriage</i> to the coronation ceremony.
journey	/'dʒɜ:.ni/	JUR-nee	jurn-ee	The long <i>journey</i> to Africa was tiring.
endangered	/ɪn'deɪn.dʒə-d/	in-DAYN-jurd	in-den-jerd	The tiger is an <i>endangered</i> species in Malaysia.
sustainability	/sə'steɪ.nə'bil.ə.ti/	suh-STAY-nuh-BIL-i-tee	su-stain-uh-bil-uh-tee	It is important to practice <i>sustainability</i> and eco-friendly lives.
drought	/draʊt/	drowt	draught	Severe <i>drought</i> can affect the crops.
chore	/tʃɔ:(r)/	chaw	choh	Washing the dishes is my least favourite <i>chore</i> .
ancient	/'eɪn.fənt/	AYN-shuhnt	an-shent	The artefacts of <i>ancient</i> civilisations are precious.
temperature	/'tem.pə.ə.tʃə(r)/	TEM-puh-ruh-chur	tem-per-uh-cher	The <i>temperature</i> dropped slightly after the rain.



# HOMOPHONES

**Homophones** are words that **sound the same when spoken** but have **different meanings or spellings**.

Examples: He **ate** about **eight** donuts just now.  
She needs to **write** neatly to get the spelling **right**.

WORD	PRONUNCIATION NOTES	IPA SYMBOL	PHONETIC SPELLING	SENTENCE
horse	“hɔ:rs”	/hɔ:rs/	HAWRS	He rode his <i>horse</i> around the countryside.
hoarse	“hɔ:rs”	/hɔ:rs/	HAWRS	The singer’s voice was <i>hoarse</i> after singing for hours.
whether	“wɛðər”	/'wɛðər/	WETH-er	I don’t know <i>whether</i> he will come tomorrow.
weather	“wɛðər”	/'wɛðər/	WETH-er	Today’s <i>weather</i> is sunny.
root	“ru:t”	/ru:t/	rooht	The <i>root</i> of the problem was the miscalculations.
route	“ru:t”	/ru:t/	rooht	They took the scenic <i>route</i> through the mountains.
compliment	“'kɒmplɪmənt”	/'kɒmplɪmənt/	KOM-pluh-muhnt	He received a nice <i>compliment</i> on his new jacket.
complement	“'kɒmplɪmənt	/'kɒmplɪmənt/	KOM-pluh-muhnt	The coffee <i>complemented</i> the dessert perfectly.
grate	“greɪt”	/greɪt/	grayt	Please <i>grate</i> more cheese for the pasta.
great	“greɪt”	/greɪt/	grayt	The movie was <i>great</i> .

# HOMONYMS

Homonyms are words that are spelt or pronounced the same but have different meanings.

WORD	MEANINGS	WORD	MEANINGS
<b>may</b>	A method, style or manner To ask for or give permission	<b>record</b>	Set down in writing for later reference A thing constituting a piece of evidence about the past
<b>kind</b>	Caring A type of something	<b>nail</b>	A small metal spike Detect or catch someone
<b>garbage</b>	Rubbish or waste Worthless or meaningless	<b>board</b>	Get on or into a vehicle A fat thin strip of wood
<b>bark</b>	Sound a dog makes Outer layer of a tree	<b>main</b>	A principal pipe carrying water or gas into buildings Chief in importance
<b>bright</b>	Smart or intelligent Full of light	<b>lick</b>	Pass the tongue over something Get the better of, overcome
<b>spring</b>	A season Coiled metal	<b>register</b>	An official list or record To enter or record in an official list
<b>alert</b>	Quick to notice something unusual To warn of danger	<b>way</b>	A method, style or manner A road track or path for travelling
<b>current</b>	Flow of water Up to date	<b>draw</b>	Pull or drag so that it follows behind Produce a picture or diagram by making lines or marks on paper
<b>close</b>	Nearby To shut	<b>please</b>	Cause to be happy Used in polite requests
<b>right</b>	Correct Direction opposite of left	<b>dig</b>	To break up earth Push or poke shapely with one's elbow
<b>chair</b>	An equipment to sit on In charge of a meeting	<b>catch</b>	An act or instance of intercepting something Capture a person or thing
<b>fair</b>	Impartial and just Pretty		
<b>source</b>	Obtain from a particular source Place, person or thing something originates		

## IDIOMS

A group of words established by usage as having a meaning not deducible from those of the individual words (e.g. over the moon, see the light ).

### IDIOMS

### MEANINGS

**From the horse's mouth**

Get information from the original source

**A drop in the ocean**

A tiny amount compared to what is need or expected

**To be out of the woods**

Past the difficult or dangerous part of a process and you are now safe

**Read between the lines**

Look for or discover a meaning that is implied rather than explicitly stated.

**Keep in mind**

Remember

**A couch potato**

Someone who does not go out or exercise

**Can't see the forest for the trees**

So focused on the small details of something and so unable to see the bigger or main issue

## PROVERBS

A short, well-known pithy or concise saying, stating a general truth or piece of advice.

### PROVERBS

### MEANINGS

**Actions speak louder than words**

What you do is more important than what you say

**Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today**

If you can do something today, do it. Don't wait procrastinate

**Good things come to those who wait**

If you are patient, good things can happen

**Don't count your chickens before they hatch.**

Don't expect a positive result before you actually see it

**Honesty is the best policy**

It's always better to tell the truth than to lie

**Hope for the best, prepare for the worst**

In any situation, be optimistic about the result, but always be ready for the worst outcome

**Keep your friends close, and your enemies closer**

If someone is your enemy, treat them like a friend so you can be ready if they ever try to betray you