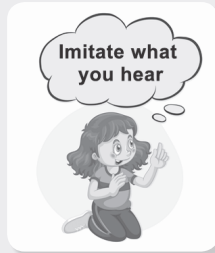


LANGUAGE CORNER

To improve your pronunciation ...



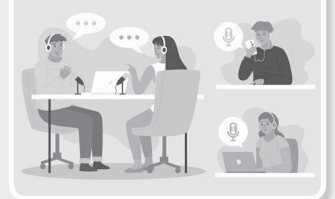
Listen carefully



Record what you imitate



Check and practise



SAY IT RIGHT

Word and Pronunciation



1. photography

This word is often mispronounced as *fete-gra-fi*

The correct pronunciation of the word photography is *fuh-tog-ruh-fee*

Min signed up a course on photography to take better photographs. /fə'tɒɡrəfi/

2. photographer

This word is often mispronounced as *fete-gra-fuh*

The correct pronunciation of the word photographer *fuh-TOG-ruh-fuh*

A good photographer takes photographs that tell a story. fə'-tɒ-grəf

3. buffet

This word is often mispronounced as *bu-fet*

The correct pronunciation of the word buffet *bu-FAY*

Buffet will be served after the meeting has ended. /'bʊf.əi/

4. bury

This word is often mispronounced as *buh-ree*

The correct pronunciation of the word bury *BEH-ree*

The dog found a good spot under the tree to bury its bone. /'beri/

5. salad

This word is often mispronounced as *sa-laad*

The correct pronunciation of the word salad *SAL-uhd*

The buffet includes a range of salad and fruits for the vegetarians. /'sæləd/

6. lettuce

This word is often mispronounced as *let-tius*

The correct pronunciation of the word lettuce *LET-is*

The Koreans usually serve their barbecued chicken wrapped with lettuce. /'letɪs/

7. debris

This word is often mispronounced as *deh-bree*

The correct pronunciation of the word Debris *DAY-bri*

The town council workers are clearing the debris left behind by the flood. /deɪbri:/

8. vegetable

This word is often mispronounced as *vej-i-TAY-buhl*

The correct pronunciation of the word Vegetable *VEJ-te-bel*

It is unhealthy not to include vegetable in your daily diet. /'vedʒ.tə.bl /

9. chalet

This word is often mispronounced as *cha-luht*

The correct pronunciation of the word chalet *SHAL-ayz*

The accommodation at the resort includes hotel rooms and chalet. /'ʃæl.əi/

10. chaos

This word is often mispronounced as *cha-os*

The correct pronunciation of the word Chaos *KAY-os*

After the earthquake, everything was in a state of chaos. /'keɪ.ɒs/

HOMOPHONES

What are homophones?

What do you call a piece of wood that has nothing to do?



Homophones are words that have the same pronunciation but have different spellings.

It's called a *board*.

The homophones are **board** and **bored**.

- **board** - a piece of wood
- **bored** - feeling tired and unhappy because you have nothing to do

Here are more homophones ...



A small, pulpy edible fruit berry	Put under the ground bury
A sickness flu	The past tense of fly flew
The past tense of hear heard	A group of cows herd
A bird fowl	Disgusting smell foul
Use carelessly waste	A part of the body waist
Rough texture coarse	A route take course
In one piece whole	A hollow place on a surface hole
Takes place Be	A stinging insect bee
Opposite of peace war	The past tense of wear wore
An ingredient in a bread flour	What you grow in your garden flower

Check out these homophone teasers.

What occupation takes in children? **A miner**

Why does a lion kneel before attacking a deer? **It's going to pray.**

Where do knights study? **In a night school.**



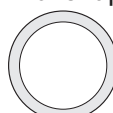
If King Thistle stuck a thousand thistles in the thistle of his thumb, how many thistles did King Thistle stick in the thistle of his thumb?

Practise this tongue twister.

HOMONYMS

What are homonyms?

They are words with the same pronunciation and same spelling but have different meanings.

A flying mammal bat 	A baseball equipment bat 	A small stick for lighting fire match 	A sports event match 
Knot tied in two loops bow 	Front end of a ship bow 	A season spring 	A jump spring 
A small metal spike nail 	A horny covering at the tip of finger nail 	A deep hole in the earth with water well 	In good health well 
Carry the weight of bear	An animal bear 	A thin stem that supports a leaf or flower stalk 	To move quietly and slowly towards an animal or person stalk 
A financial institution bank 	Side of a river bank 	A written communication letter 	The alphabets letter 
A group of musicians band 	A thin flat strip of any material worn on the wrist band 	A type of tree palm 	The inner surface of the hand between the wrist and fingers palm 
Not left right 	Not wrong right 	An instrument to measure distances ruler 	A person who has power over the land ruler 
A piece of jewellery ring 	A round mark or shape ring 	A long narrow strip of cloth worn around the neck. tie 	Fastener like a piece of string or wire tie 

IDIOMS AND PROVERBS

Idioms and proverbs are expressions with figurative meanings. An idiom is a short phrase while a proverb is a well-known saying with an advice, a wisdom or a warning.

An apple a day keeps the doctor away

- ❖ Eating healthy can prevent illness



Actions speak louder than words.

- ❖ What someone does is more important than what someone says.



Don't put all your eggs in one basket.

- ❖ Do not rely on a single thing or plan as it could fail



On cloud nine

- ❖ To be very happy



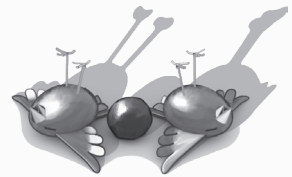
To hit the nail on the head

- ❖ To say or do something that is exactly right.



Kill two birds with one stone

- ❖ To accomplish something at the same time.



Under the weather

- ❖ Not feeling well



Be in deep water

- ❖ To be in trouble



Fish out of water

- ❖ Placed in a situation that is new and confusing.



Spill the beans

- ❖ To leak out a secret



Every cloud has a silver lining

- ❖ There is some benefits in every bad thing that happens to you



A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.

- ❖ However daunting or difficult a task may appear to be, taking the first step may move things forward.

