

SAY-IT-RIGHT

A guide to pronunciation of word based on the version provided by the Oxford Dictionary:

/a/ as in cat	/ee/ as in meet	/kh/ as in loch	/or/ as in corn	/uu/ as in book
/à/ as in ago ago	/eer/ as in beer	/l/ as in leg	/ow/ as in cow	/v/ as in van
/ah/ as in calm	/er/ as in her	/m/ as in man	/oy/ as in boy	/w/ as in will
/air/ as in hair	/ew/ as in few	/n/ as in not	/p/ as in pen	/y/ as in yes or when preceded by a consonant = i as in cry, realise
/ar/ as in bar	/ewr/ as in pure	/ng/ as in song/finger	/r/ as in red	
/aw/ as in law	/f/ as in fat	/nk/ as in thank	/s/ as in sit	
/ay/ as in say	/g/ as in get	/o/ as in top	/sh/ as in shop	
/b/ as in bat	/h/ as in hat	/ò/ as in lemon	/t/ as in top	/yoo/ as in unit
/ch/ as in chin	/p/ as in pin	/oh/ as in most	/th/ as in thin	/yoor/ as in Europe
/d/ as in day	/ı/ as in eye	/oi/ as in join	/th/ as in this	/yr/ as in fire
/e/ as in bed	/j/ as in jam	/oo/ as in soon	/u/ as in cup	/z/ as in zebra
/è/ as in taken	/k/ as in king	/oor/ as in poor	/ù/ as in circus	/zh/ as in vision

Here is a list of some words that may have been pronounced incorrectly:

1. LISTENING

You may be pronouncing it as ['lɪs.tənɪŋ] /lees-tèning/

It is actually pronounced this way : ['lɪs.ənɪŋ] /lee-sèning/

You have to sit for a listening test in order to pass the examination.



2. QUESTION

You may be pronouncing it as ['kwe.shən] /kway-shèn/
It is actually pronounced this way: ['kwes.tʃən] /kw-ays-chèn/
Candidates need to answer all the 30 questions in 40 minutes.



3. GAUGE

You may be pronouncing it as [gəʊdʒ] or [gɒdʒ] /goj/
It is actually pronounced this way: /geɪdʒ/ [gay-j]
I cannot gauge my own competency in English Language.

4. STIFLE

You may be pronouncing it as [stɪfəl] /stifòl/
It is actually pronounced this way: ['stʌɪfl] or ['stʌɪfəl] /stɪ-fèl/
Using AI to help create texts can stifle creativity among children.

5. PRESTIGIOUS

You may be pronouncing it as [prə'stɪɡiəs] /pras-ti-gi-yès/
It is actually pronounced this way: [prɛ'stɪdʒəs] /pres-ti-jès/
She had just graduated from a prestigious university last year.



6. AISLE

You may be pronouncing it as [aɪsəl] /ɪsè l /
It is actually pronounced this way: [aɪl] / ɪl / -rhyme with mile
The single aisle is neatly divided into sections.

7. EXHAUSTED

You may be pronouncing it as [eks'haus'təd] /ak-zowstèd/
It is actually pronounced this way: [ɪg'zɔːstɪd] /ig-zos-tid/
After a day of hiking, we were all exhausted.



8. RELIANT

You may be pronouncing it as ['rɪlɪ.ənt] or [rɪ.li.ənt] /ri-li-yant/
It is actually pronounced this way: [rɪ'laɪənt] /ri-lai-yunt/
People can get too reliant on having all these gadgets.

9. INSTALLATION

You may be pronouncing it as [ɪn'stɔː'leɪ.ʃən] /ins-to-lashèn/
It is actually pronounced this way: [ɪn.stə'leɪ.ʃən] /ins-tè-leshèn/
The installation for a new water dispenser is necessary.

10. RESTAURANT

You may be pronouncing it as ['ræstərən] /ras-tor-èn/
It is actually pronounced this way: ['restɔ:nt] /res-tront/
There is a new restaurant in our small town.



11. MENU

You may be pronouncing it as ['menu] /ma-nu/
It is actually pronounced this way: ['men.ju:] /me-nyuu/
Most of the dishes on the menu are delicious.

12. SUBTLE

You may be pronouncing it as ['subtəl] /soob-təl/
It is actually pronounced this way: ['sʌtl] /su-tl/
They needed a more subtle approach to change their grandmother's decision.

13. ERRAND

You may be pronouncing it as ['err.ʌnd] /air-rund/
It is actually pronounced this way: ['erənd] /e-rènd/
I enjoy doing errands for my mother.



14. ITINERARY

You may be pronouncing it as ['ɪtɪnərə:ri] /iti-nèrrahri/
It is actually pronounced this way: [ɪ'tɪnərəri] or [ɪ'tɪnərəri] / ɪti-nèrèri/
or /iti-nèrèri/
The itinerary for the one-week trip is quite interesting.

15. ETIQUETTE

You may be pronouncing it as ['eti.kuwet] /air-ti-kàrt/
It is actually pronounced this way: ['etɪket] /e-ti-ket/
We should follow the right etiquette during the formal function.

16. WORRY

You may be pronouncing it as [wori] or [werri] /wo-ri/ or /wà-ri/
It is actually pronounced this way: ['wʌri] /wu-ri/
Most mothers seem to worry more about their children.



17. SPECTACULAR

You may be pronouncing it as [spæk.tækulər] /spak-tah-kyuu-lur/
How it is actually pronounced: [spek'tæk.jə.lə] /spek-tair-kye-le/
The spectacular view of the beach is during sunset.

18. QUAY

You may be pronouncing it as ['ku.weɪ] /kuu-way/
It is actually pronounced this way: [ki:] /kee/
Boats and small ships can dock at the quay.

19. SHOVE

You may be pronouncing it as [ʃʊv] /shov/
It is actually pronounced this way: [ʃʌv] /shuv/
The big boy shoved the girl to get to the front.

20. WOMEN

You may be pronouncing it as : [wu'men] /woo-mèn/
It is actually pronounced this way: ['wɪm.ɪn] /wi-min/
Those elderly women are still in great health.

21. RECEIPT

You may be pronouncing it as [rɪ'si:p] or [resipt] /ri-seep/ or /re-sept/
It is actually pronounced this way: [rɪ'si:t] /ri-seet/
You have to keep the receipts for tax purposes.



22. PLUMBER

You may be pronouncing it as [ˈplʌm.bər] /plahm-bèr/
It is actually pronounced this way: [ˈplʌm.ə] /plu-mè/
A plumber was called to repair the broken pipe..



23. FOREIGN

You may be pronouncing it as [ˈfɒr.ɛndʒ] /fo-raynj/
How it is actually pronounced: [ˈfɒr.ən] /fo-rayn/
Be careful when you travel in foreign countries.

24. VEHICLE

You may be pronouncing it as [ˈvi:hɪkəl] /vi-hi-kèl/
It is actually pronounced this way: [ˈvi:tɪkl] /vee-ikl/
You can travel in your own vehicle.

25. SOUTHERN

You may be pronouncing it as [ˈsauθ.ən] /sowthèn/
It is actually pronounced this way: [ˈsʌð.ən] /suthèn/
The town is in the southern part of the state.

26. SWORD

You may be pronouncing it as [swɔ:d] /swawd/
It is actually pronounced this way: [sɔ:d] /sawd/
A sword is rarely used as a weapon now.

