

The Most Commonly Mispronounced Words in English

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Abstract

This article examines the pronunciation errors encountered by Uzbek learners of English and provides assistance in correcting these errors. Additionally, it offers the correct pronunciation of words in both British and American English speaking styles, presenting these pronunciations both in phonetic transcriptions and in a form that is easily understandable to the learner using regular letters.

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Introduction.

In order to speak English correctly and fluently, it is essential to focus on proper pronunciation of words. The listener's perception of you can change based on your pronunciation. From a pedagogical standpoint, if a teacher mispronounces a word, all students may learn to mispronounce that word. Over time, as the number of such mispronunciations increases, learners will begin to make more mistakes in their own pronunciation. Of course, English is not our native language, and it is difficult to speak fluently and correctly without making mistakes in pronunciation. However, it is not acceptable to continue mispronouncing words without making any effort to correct them. Now, think about it: have you realized that there is a need to read and learn materials that will help you improve your pronunciation? During the process of learning English, learners often focus primarily on word translation, while pronunciation often goes unnoticed.

As a result, many learners make pronunciation errors. However, learners often only look up how to pronounce difficult words in dictionaries and listen to them. On the other hand, while knowing general pronunciation rules, learners tend to overlook exceptions to these rules. This is why many learners think they are pronouncing words correctly but end up mispronouncing many words, which can lead to misunderstandings. Now, consider how many words we may be mispronouncing just because we think "I can pronounce this myself, and this might be the correct pronunciation" without effectively using a dictionary. Below are the correct

pronunciations of some commonly mispronounced words in English, including both American and British pronunciations.

If you find it difficult to pronounce these words according to the transcriptions or if you struggle with pronunciation through transcription, the words will also be presented using regular letters for easier understanding. bury – ['ber. i] (ber-ri), burial – ['ber. i. əl] (ber-ri-əl). Many may have gotten used to pronouncing this word as (byuri). If you struggle with getting the correct pronunciation, try listening to it several times using an online dictionary and repeat it yourself. This will help solidify the correct pronunciation in your memory. By practicing and referring to the dictionary, your pronunciation errors will certainly decrease caffeine – ['kæf. i:n] (kæ-feen). Many learners may have gotten used to pronouncing this word as "coffeen." Mispronouncing some of the words listed above is not uncommon, but by working with a dictionary, you can learn to pronounce all words correctly and find solutions to pronunciation mistakes. This is especially important because in English, there are many irregular pronunciations that do not follow standard rules. Therefore, alongside learning the meaning of a word, one must also pay attention to its correct pronunciation.

For pronunciation guidance, I recommend using trusted dictionaries such as the Cambridge Advanced Learner's Dictionary, 3rd edition, 2008. This dictionary provides pronunciations in both American and British English, phonetic transcriptions, verb conjugations, and many other useful features.

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