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PRONUNCIATION



BEGINNER

Insert 10 Discussion Questions for Beginners

1. Do you enjoy pronunciation drills?
2. Do you think exercises in your English class have helped improve your pronunciation?
3. Is it easy for you to pronounce the following sounds correctly?

/b/ and /v/

/f/ and /p/

/l/ and /r/

4. What is your favorite tongue twister?

5. Can you say the tongue twister below many times without making a mistake?

"Mary Mac's mother's making Mary Mac marry me. My mother's making me marry Mary Mac. Will I always be so merry when Mary's taking care of me? Will I always be so merry when I marry Mary Mac?"

6. In the following words, which letters are silent?

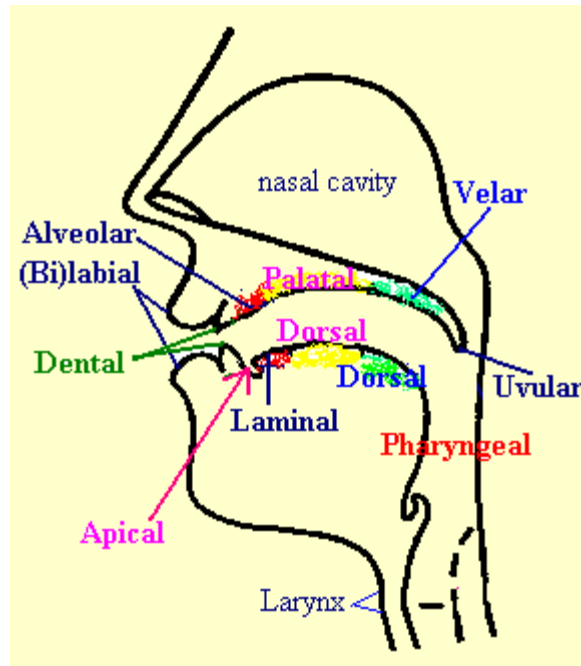
climb, muscle, sandwich, foreign, hour, knee, hymn, psychotic, island, listen

7. Why is it important to have good pronunciation?

8. Did you ever dream of becoming a newscaster or an announcer?

9. Can foreigners easily learn the pronunciation of words in your native language?

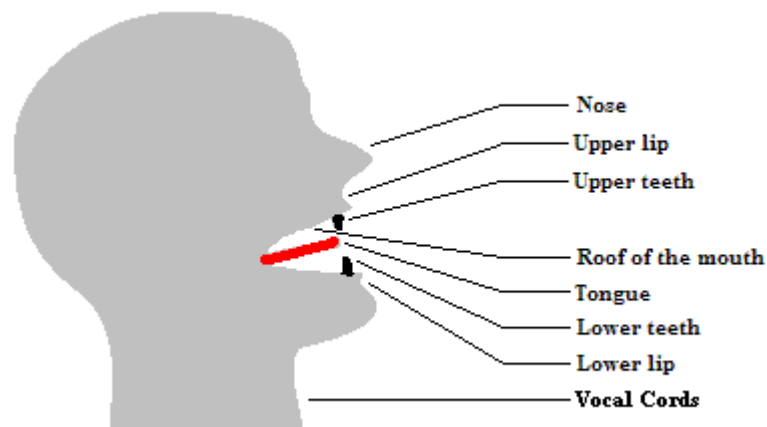
10. Do many people in your country want to have American accent?



INTERMEDIATE

- 1) What comes to mind when you hear the term 'pronunciation activity'?
- 2) What do you think when your teacher says you're going to do some pronunciation?
- 3) What kind of pronunciation practice do you like most and least?
- 4) Do you like the pronunciation activities your teacher gives you?
- 5) Do you have an example of how a pronunciation activity really improved your pronunciation?
- 6) Do you know of any websites that have good pronunciation activities?
- 7) Is learning pronunciation in class ever interesting and fun? Should it be?

- 8) Do you always understand the reasons why the teacher asks you to do a particular pronunciation activity?
- 9) What are your biggest problems with pronunciation?
- 10) How important is pronunciation compared with spelling, vocabulary, punctuation, etc?



ADVANCED

- 1) Do you like doing pronunciation activities in class?
- 2) Do you ever think pronunciation activities are a waste of time?
- 3) What pronunciation learning strategies do you use a lot?
- 4) Is having charts and diagrams of the mouth important when you do a pronunciation activity?
- 5) What things are important for a pronunciation activity to be successful?

- 6) What advice would you give to a student who says he/she is no good at pronunciation or hates pronunciation?
- 7) What do you like most and least about pronunciation in English?
- 8) What are your biggest pronunciation problems in English?
- 9) Do you think you need pronunciation practice in every class?