

## PRONUNCIATION



Practice 1: [https://padlet.com/annaick\\_christien/pronunciation-i3dq34e1olwn](https://padlet.com/annaick_christien/pronunciation-i3dq34e1olwn)

- |  |  |   |   |   |
|--|--|---|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▷ Abuse /7s/</li> <li>▷ accuracy /æ/ /rə/</li> <li>▷ acquire /æ/ /rə/</li> <li>▷ actually /æ/ /tʃʊəl/</li> <li>▷ advantage /æ/ /vɑːntɪdʒ/</li> <li>▷ advertisement/ advertising /æ/ /vɜːtɪsmənt/ /æ/ /vɜːtɪzɪŋ/</li> <li>▷ also/although /ɔː/ /ə/</li> <li>▷ American /æ/ /rɪˈkæn/</li> <li>▷ analyse/ analysis/ analyses (pluriel) /æ/ /ˈnælɪsɪz/ /æ/ /ˈnælɪsɪz/</li> <li>▷ April /æ/ /rɪˈleɪ/</li> <li>▷ Asia /æ/ /ˈeɪʃə/</li> <li>▷ asylum /æ/ /ˈæjʊləm/</li> <li>▷ audio /æ/ /ˈɔːdiəʊ/</li> <li>▷ August /æ/ /ˈɔːɡʌst/</li> <li>▷ author /æ/ /ˈɔːθə/</li> <li>▷ biased /æ/ /ˈbiːəst/</li> <li>▷ bio /æ/ /ˈbaɪə/</li> <li>▷ blood /æ/ /blʊd/</li> <li>▷ Brazil /æ/ /ˈbræzɪl/</li> <li>▷ Britain /æ/ /ˈbrɪtən/</li> <li>▷ business /æ/ /ˈbɪznəs/</li> <li>▷ busy /æ/ /ˈbɪzi/</li> <li>▷ car/care /æ/ /kɑː/ /æ/ /ˈkeə/</li> <li>▷ case /æ/ /keɪ/</li> <li>▷ catastrophe /æ/ /ˌkætəˈstrɒfi/</li> <li>▷ Catholic /æ/ /kəˈtɒlɪk/</li> <li>▷ chaotic /æ/ /keɪˈɒtɪk/</li> <li>▷ child/children /æ/ /tʃɪld/ /æ/ /ˈtʃɪldrən/</li> <li>▷ chip/cheap /æ/ /tʃɪp/ /æ/ /tʃiːp/</li> <li>▷ chores /æ/ /tʃɔːs/</li> <li>▷ climate /æ/ /ˈklaɪm/</li> <li>▷ close (=proche) /æ/ /kloʊz/</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▷ comparison /æ/ /kəmˈpærɪsn/</li> <li>▷ conclude /æ/ /kənˈkluːd/</li> <li>▷ consequence(s) /æ/ /kənˈsiːkwəns/</li> <li>▷ consumption /æ/ /kənˈsʌmpʃən/</li> <li>▷ controversy /æ/ /kənˈtrɒvɜːrsi/</li> <li>▷ couple /æ/ /ˈkʌpl/</li> <li>▷ crisis/crises /æ/ /ˈkrɪsɪs/ /æ/ /ˈkrɪsɪsɪz/</li> <li>▷ criticism /æ/ /kɪˈrɪsɪzəm/</li> <li>▷ cure /æ/ /kjʊə/</li> <li>▷ debt /æ/ /det/</li> <li>▷ decade /æ/ /ˈdekeɪd/</li> <li>▷ decisive /æ/ /dɪˈsɪsɪv/</li> <li>▷ determined /æ/ /dɪˈtɜːmɪnd/</li> <li>▷ developed /æ/ /dɪˈveləpt/</li> <li>▷ diet /æ/ /daɪət/</li> <li>▷ different /æ/ /ˈdɪfərənt/</li> <li>▷ diseases /æ/ /dɪˈziːzɪz/</li> <li>▷ doubt /æ/ /daʊt/</li> <li>▷ drought /æ/ /draʊt/</li> <li>▷ east /æ/ /iːst/</li> <li>▷ eat/heat /æ/ /iːt/ /æ/ /hiːt/</li> <li>▷ environment /æ/ /ˌɪnvəɪnˈmɛnt/</li> <li>▷ employee /æ/ /ˈemˌplɔɪ/</li> <li>▷ Europe(an) /æ/ /ˈjʊərəp/ /æ/ /ˈjʊərəpiən/</li> <li>▷ event /æ/ /ɪˈvɛnt/</li> <li>▷ evil /æ/ /ɪˈvɪl/</li> <li>▷ expiration /æ/ /ˌɛkspraɪˈeɪʃən/</li> <li>▷ fertile /æ/ /ˈfɜːtəl/</li> <li>▷ field /æ/ /fiːld/</li> <li>▷ finally, firm /æ/ /fɪˈnælɪ/ /æ/ /fɜːm/</li> <li>▷ financial /æ/ /fɪˈnænʃəl/</li> <li>▷ focus /æ/ /ˈfɒkəs/</li> <li>▷ fund/found /æ/ /fʌnd/ /æ/ /faʊnd/</li> <li>▷ frequent /æ/ /ˈfriːkwənt/</li> <li>▷ gap /æ/ /ɡæp/</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▷ gender /æ/ /ˈdʒɛndə/</li> <li>▷ government /æ/ /ˈɡʌvənmənt/</li> <li>▷ Guardian /æ/ /ˈɡɑːdiən/</li> <li>▷ heard /æ/ /hɜːd/</li> <li>▷ heart /æ/ /hɜːt/</li> <li>▷ hierarchy /æ/ /ˈhɪərɑːki/</li> <li>▷ hurt /æ/ /hɜːt/</li> <li>▷ hygiene /æ/ /ˈhɪjɪn/</li> <li>▷ hyper /æ/ /ˈhaɪpə/</li> <li>▷ hypocritical /æ/ /ˌhɪpəˈkrɪtɪkəl/</li> <li>▷ idea /æ/ /aɪˈdɪə/</li> <li>▷ important /æ/ /ɪmˈpɔːtnt/</li> <li>▷ inconveniences /æ/ /ˌɪnkənˈviːnɪs/</li> <li>▷ indirect /æ/ /ɪndɪˈrekt/</li> <li>▷ inhabitant /æ/ /ɪnhəˈbɪtənt/</li> <li>▷ interesting /æ/ /ɪntəˈrestɪŋ/</li> <li>▷ island /æ/ /ˈaɪlənd/</li> <li>▷ isolate /æ/ /aɪˈleɪt/</li> <li>▷ issue /æ/ /ˈɪʃuː/</li> <li>▷ Japan /æ/ /ˈdʒæpən/</li> <li>▷ know (ledge) /æ/ /nəʊ/ /æ/ /ˈnɒ/</li> <li>▷ lack/lake /æ/ /læk/ /æ/ /leɪk/</li> <li>▷ live/leave /æ/ /lɪv/ /æ/ /liːv/</li> <li>▷ machines /æ/ /ˈmæʃɪn/</li> <li>▷ major /æ/ /ˈdʒeɪ/</li> <li>▷ media /æ/ /ˈmiːdiə/</li> <li>▷ micro /æ/ /ˈmaɪkrə/</li> <li>▷ migrant/migration /æ/ /ˈmɪgrənt/ /æ/ /ˌmɪgrəˈneɪʃən/</li> <li>▷ minority /æ/ /ˌmaɪnɔːrɪˈtɪ/</li> <li>▷ money /æ/ /ˈmʌni/</li> <li>▷ nature /æ/ /ˈneɪtʃə/</li> <li>▷ necessary /æ/ /ˈnesəsəri/</li> <li>▷ Nike /æ/ /ˈnaɪk/</li> <li>▷ no/now /æ/ /nəʊ/ /æ/ /naʊ/</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▷ normal /æ/ /ˈnɔːml/</li> <li>▷ obliged /æ/ /əˈbɪdʒd/</li> <li>▷ occur /æ/ /əˈkɜː/</li> <li>▷ particularly /æ/ /pɑːˈtɪkjʊləri/</li> <li>▷ patience/ passion /æ/ /ˈpeɪʃəns/ /æ/ /ˈpæʃən/</li> <li>▷ per cent /æ/ /pɜːˈsent/</li> <li>▷ pessimistic /æ/ /ˌpɛsɪˈmɪstɪk/</li> <li>▷ pesticide /æ/ /ˈpestɪsaɪd/</li> <li>▷ phenomenon (sg)/ phenomena (pl) /æ/ /fəˈnɒmɪˈnɒn/ /æ/ /fəˈnɒmɪˈnɑː/</li> <li>▷ poor /æ/ /pɔː/</li> <li>▷ possess. /æ/ /ˈpɒzɪz/</li> <li>▷ priority /æ/ /praɪˈɔːrɪti/</li> <li>▷ privacy /æ/ /ˈpraɪvəsi/</li> <li>▷ profit /æ/ /ˈprɒfɪt/</li> <li>▷ propaganda /æ/ /ˌpɒpəˈɡændə/</li> <li>▷ provocative /æ/ /prəˈvɒkətɪv/</li> <li>▷ psychological /æ/ /ˌpsɪkəˈlɒdʒɪkəl/</li> <li>▷ put /æ/ /pʊt/</li> <li>▷ question /æ/ /ˈkwɛstʃən/</li> <li>▷ quit /æ/ /kwɪt/</li> <li>▷ reach/rich /æ/ /riːtʃ/ /æ/ /rɪtʃ/</li> <li>▷ require /æ/ /rɪˈkwaɪə/</li> <li>▷ research /æ/ /rɪˈsɜːtʃ/</li> <li>▷ resources /æ/ /ˈrɪsɔːsɪz/</li> <li>▷ responsibility /æ/ /ˌrɛspəˈnsəbɪləti/</li> <li>▷ result /æ/ /rɪˈzʌlt/</li> <li>▷ several /æ/ /ˈsevərəl/</li> <li>▷ ship/sheep /æ/ /ʃɪp/ /æ/ /ʃiːp/</li> <li>▷ shock/choke /æ/ /ʃɒk/ /æ/ /tʃəʊk/</li> <li>▷ society /æ/ /səˈsaɪəti/</li> <li>▷ species /æ/ /ˈspiːʃiːz/</li> <li>▷ statue/status /æ/ /ˈstætʃuː/ /æ/ /ˈstetʃuː/</li> <li>▷ study /æ/ /ˈstʌdi/</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▷ suggest /æ/ /səˈdʒest/</li> <li>▷ sure /æ/ /ʃʊə/</li> <li>▷ talk /æ/ /tɔːk/</li> <li>▷ textile /æ/ /ˈtekstɪl/</li> <li>▷ the + voyelle /æ/ /ðə/</li> <li>▷ this/these /æ/ /ðɪs/ /æ/ /ðiːz/</li> <li>▷ thought /æ/ /tɔːt/</li> <li>▷ through /æ/ /θruː/</li> <li>▷ though /æ/ /ðəʊ/</li> <li>▷ throw/tough /æ/ /θrəʊ/ /æ/ /tʌf/</li> <li>▷ unknown /æ/ /ˌʊnˈnɒn/</li> <li>▷ unwind /æ/ /ˌʊnˈwaɪnd/</li> <li>▷ via /æ/ /ˈvaɪə/</li> <li>▷ violent /æ/ /ˈvaɪələnt/</li> <li>▷ vital /æ/ /ˈvaɪtəl/</li> <li>▷ walk /æ/ /wɔːk/</li> <li>▷ war /æ/ /wɔː/</li> <li>▷ woman/women /æ/ /ˈwʊmən/ /æ/ /ˈwɪmɪn/</li> <li>▷ who/whose /æ/ /huː/ /æ/ /huːz/</li> <li>▷ whole /æ/ /həʊl/</li> <li>▷ world/word /æ/ /wɜːld/ /æ/ /wɜːd/</li> <li>▷ wounded /æ/ /ˈwʊndɪd/</li> <li>▷ written/ writing. /æ/ /ˈrɪtən/ /æ/ /ˈraɪtɪŋ/</li> </ul> |
|--|--|---|---|---|

## PRONUNCIATION

### Practice 2: Sentence Stress / Sounds

- A.I. may make people unhappy.
- "Visitors should respect their hosts, express their gratitude and act responsibly." Cnn.com, August 2022
- "He is an activist and a professor at the university of Hawaii" Cnn.com, August 2022
- "Carbon emissions have yet to start falling and must plummet by half by 2030 to avoid the worst outcomes." The Guardian, October 2022
- This extract from the Guardian deals with the knowledge that parents have of young men and women.
- During the drought, the cool draught from the cellar was refreshing.

### Practice 3: more tricky words

- **Mores** /'mɔːreɪz/ (= les mœurs)
- **Anxiety** /æŋ'zæɪti/
- **Euthanasia** /,juːθə'neɪziə/
- **Jewelry** /'dʒuəlri/
- **Island** ≠ **Ireland** /'aɪlənd/ ≠ /'aɪə'lənd/
- **Breton** /'brɛtən/ ≠ **Britain** /'brɪtən/
- **America / Asia / China / Russia** all end in / ə/
- **Dilemma** /daɪ'lemə/ or /dɪ'lemə/
- **Psychologist** /saɪ'kɒlədʒɪst/
- **Psychiatrist** /saɪ'kaɪətrɪst/
- **Hierarchy** /'haɪərə:'ki/
- **Euthanasia** /,juːθə'neɪziə/

### Practice 4: Word stress

Access	advantage	ambiguity
Adjective	contribute	European
aspect	deliver	volunteer
democrat	democracy	democratic
caricature	determine	Japanese
literature	develop	Chinese
commentary	discrepancy	
industry	economy	economics
government	commit	engineer
foreign	cartoon	pioneer
feminism	encourage	institution
relatives	unfortunately	

## PRONUNCIATION

### Practice 5: Silent letters

A silent letter is the one we write but do not pronounce. There aren't any general rules or hints on how to recognize a silent consonant. In most cases, we have to learn the pronunciation of the word together with its meaning.

However, let's see which letters can become silent and try to find some common patterns.

#### Silent B

---

$m+b = /m/$

If the word ends in **mb**, b is silent. It will also be silent in derived words.

$b+t = /t/$

Sometimes when the word contains **bt**, b is silent.

**bomb, climb, comb, lamb, thumb, plumb, climber, plumber**  
**debt, doubt, subtle**

#### Silent T

---

In some words the letter **t** is silent. In some originally French words, there is a silent **t** at the end.

**castle, chestnut, Christmas, fasten, listen, mortgage, often**  
**ballet, buffet, valet, debut**

#### Silent H

---

**heir, honour, hour, ghost, rhythm**

**what, when, where, while, white, why**

#### Silent K

---

$k+n = /n/$

If the word begins with **kn**, k is usually not pronounced.

**knee, knew, knife, knight, knit, knock, know**

#### Silent W

---

$w+r = /r/$

If the word begins with **wr**, w is silent. But that's not the only case where it is silent.

**wrap, wrist, wrinkle, wreck, write**

**answer, towards, two**

**whole, who, whom, whose**

#### Silent G

---

$g+n = /n/$

If the word ends in **gn**, g is often silent.

**align, campaign, design, foreign, reign, sign**

#### Silent N

---

$m+n = /m/$

There are some words with **mn** combination where n is not pronounced.

**autumn, column, condemn, damn, hymn, solemn**

#### Silent L

---

$l+m = /m/$

Sometimes l is not pronounced when it is combined with m. But there are more words where it is silent.

**bal**l**, cal**l**, pal**l**, al**l**mond, sal**l**mon**

**cal**l**, hal**l**, chal**l**k, wal**l**k, cou**l**d, shou**l**d, wou**l**d, colone**l****