

PRONUNCIATION



Practice 1: https://padlet.com/annaick_christien/pronunciation-i3dq34e1olwn

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

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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.

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

call**, hal**l**, chal**l**k, wal**l**k, cou**l**d, shou**l**d, wou**l**d, col**l**onel**