

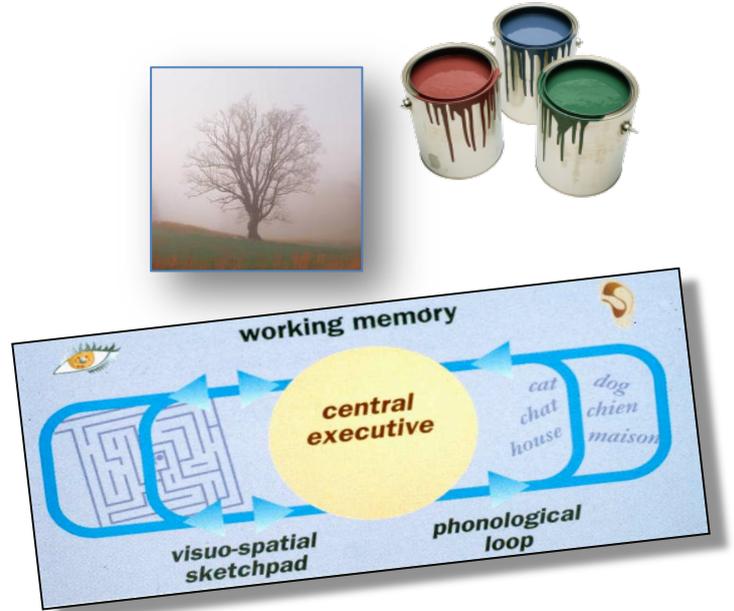
Teaching the pronunciation of English

Pronunciation goals, priorities, APPs and IDEAS

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1) Why does pronunciation matter?

- 1) Impact on speaking
 - a) Poor intelligibility
 - b) Avoidance of vocabulary
 - c) Avoidance of structures
- 2) Impact on listening
 - a) Word recognition
 - b) Overload
- 3) Impact on writing
 - a) Invented spelling
 - b) Misspelling
- 4) Impact on reading
 - a) Phonological loop
 - b) Phonics



2) What is a good goal for our students' pronunciation?

3) What are our teaching priorities?

Feature		
Vowels & diphthongs		
Consonants		
Clusters		
Word stress		
Sentence stress		
Schwa & weak forms		
Rhythm & connected speech		
Intonation (tones)		

4) Who will make the best models?

	YES / NO	Comments
a) Any native speaker (NS)		
b) A non-NS with the target accent		
c) An internationally intelligible speaker		

Summary

1) Pronunciation matters because it

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2) A good goal for our students' pronunciation is

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3) The *lingua franca core* is

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4) The best models for pronunciation are

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Further reading

(You can download all articles from <https://englishglobalcom.wordpress.com>)

- International Intelligibility (ETp 21)
- Pronunciation Matters (ETp 90)
- Horses for courses (ETp 91)
- Our first priority in pronunciation teaching – learner goals
- ELF Pronunciation (Teachitworld Newsletter)

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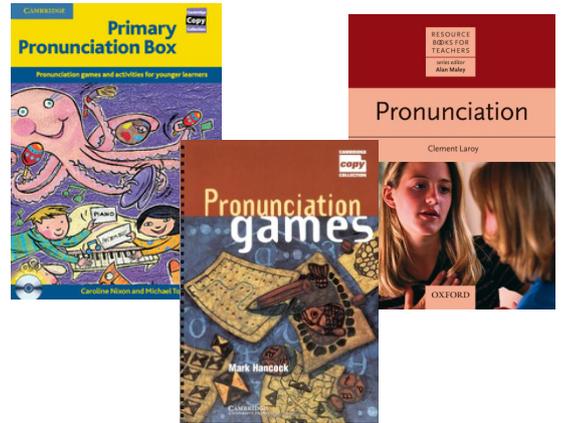
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1) Pronunciation APPS

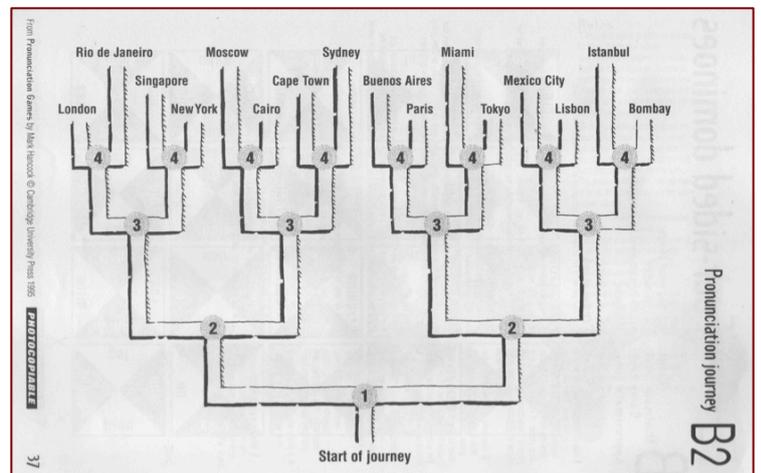
- A =
- P =
- P =
- S =



2) IDEAS for teaching pronunciation

- I =
- D =
- E =
- A =
- S =

- sounds in contrast
- same-different / odd man-out
- classify / identify
- initial / medial / final
- words / sentences
- teacher / pairs-groups



P	b	t	d	tʃ	dʒ	k	g
f	v	θ	ð	s	z	ʃ	ʒ
m	n	ŋ	h	l	r	w	j

Demonstration:

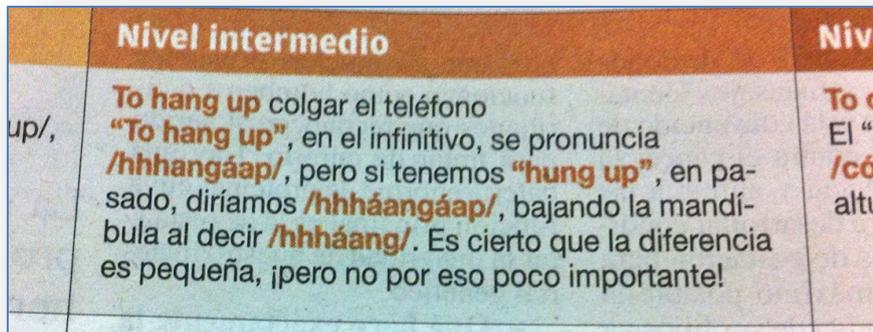
- is a natural thing to do
- is physical and (multiple intelligences)
- requires no
- is immediate and
- can easily be / repeated / / etc.
- can provoke &

Explanation

The way you make the 'a' in 'apple' sound is

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Association



Pronunciation resource books

Primary Pronunciation Box. Nixon & Tomlinson. Cambridge University Press. 2005.
Pronunciation Games. Hancock. Cambridge University Press. 1995.
Pronunciation. Laroy. Resource books for teachers. Oxford University Press. 1995.

Further reading (Download from <https://englishglobalcom.wordpress.com>)

- Sounds fun! (ETp 92 – Primary)
- Sounds tricky! (ETp 93 – Secondary)
- Accentuate the positive (ETp 94 – The mother tongue as a resource)