

PRONUNCIATION QUESTIONS FROM GALICIAN EXAMS

1. Which one of the following words has the same vowel sound as the letter underlined in the word “church”:
terriers, warm, tourism, **prefer**.
2. Write the word whose underlined letters are pronounced differently from the others: **country** /'kʌntri/,
could, foot, good.
3. In which one of the following words is the underlined letter pronounced “s” /s/? **cycle**; housess; revealss;
sometimess.
4. In which one of the following words is the letter “u” silent (not pronounced)? popular; **building**; survey;
population.

Survey:

Remember that the spellings **-ER /-IR / -UR/-OR** can all be pronounced the same:

Perfect /'pɜːfɪkt/

Bird, third, first

Burden, curse, purse, burn, burst

Word /'wɜːd/, work /'wɜːk/, worm /'wɜːm/

5. In which one of the following words do the underlined letters have the same sound as the letter underlined
in the word “promote”: foundation /faʊn'deɪʃən/, discover, **grow**th /'grəʊθ/, models.
6. Write the word whose underlined letters are pronounced differently from the others: steel, previously,
healthcare, believe.
7. In which one of the following words are/is the underlined letter(s) pronounced /b/ like the “o” in “hot”?
some, daughter, both, **proble**ms.
8. In which one of the following words is the underlined letter “s” pronounced /s/ as in “summer”? fortunes,
industrialists, surprising /sə'praɪzɪŋ/, others.
9. Which one of the following words has the same vowel sound as the letters underlined in the word “free”:
foreign, universities, **leas**t, finance.
10. Write the word whose underlined letters are pronounced differently from the others: taught /'tɔːt/, support
/sə'pɔːt/, **fore**ign /'fɔːn/, abroad /ə'brɔːd/.
11. In which one of the following words are/is the underlined letter(s) pronounced “z” /z/? basket, **does**n't,
impressed, university.
12. In which one of the following words is the stress on the first syllable, as in “Germany”? degrees, **graduate**
/'grædʒʊət/, attraction, impressed.
13. In which one of the following words do the underlined letters have the same sound as the “o” in the word
“over”: cover /'kʌvə/, brother /'brʌðə/, strong, **only** /'əʊnli/.
14. Write the word whose underlined letters are pronounced differently from the others: learn, hurts, work,
sort /'sɔːt/.

15. In which one of the following words is the underlined letter pronounced “s” /s/? This, these, always, because /bɪˈkæz/.
16. In which one of the following words is the letter “o” pronounced /ʌ/ as in “fun”: brother, problem, romantically /rəʊˈmæntɪkəli/, told.
17. Which one of these words contains the sound /aɪ/ as in “my”: remains, highly, away, machine?
18. Which one of these words contains the sound /æ/ as in “fat”: spanned, always, bar, one?
His career in film has spanned four decades.
Su carrera en el cine ha durado cuatro décadas.
19. Which one of these words contains the sound /i:/ as in “see”: physical /ˈfɪzɪkəl/, injuries, detail /ˈdiːteɪl/, greatest?
20. Write the word whose underlined letters are pronounced differently from the rest: won /ˈwʌn/, following, not, potter.
21. In which word is the plural ending pronounced /ɪz/: pencils, benches, plots, scientists?
22. Write the word in which the “-ed” ending is pronounced /ɪd/: argued, produced, stared, intended
23. Which word has the stress on the first syllable: connect, provoke, perish, control?
24. In which word is the underlined letter (“a”) pronounced differently: mayor /ˈmeɪər/, age, nature, danger?
25. In which of the following words is the ending “-ed” pronounced /t/, like in worked? planted, folded, delivered /d/, bumped (because the infinitive ends in “p”)
26. Write the word whose underlined letters are pronounced differently: food /ˈfuːd/, fool /ˈfuːl/, cook, boot /ˈbuːt/.
27. In which word are the underlined letters pronounced /ɑ:/ as in “park”? bare /ˈbeər/, are, care, fare

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28. Which vowel sound is pronounced differently in: cheap, piece, these, this?
29. In which of the following words is the -ed ending pronounced as in “needed”: asked, laughed, acted, kissed
30. In which word is the underlined sound pronounced as fun? busy, tough /ˈtʌf/, put, cruel
31. In which word is the vowel sound pronounced differently: silk, mild, wild, blind
32. In which word is the group “th” pronounced as in “though”: thought /ˈθɔ:t/, thanks /ˈθæŋks/, then, thumb /ˈθʌm/ remember that the “b” is silent.
33. In which word are the underlined letters pronounced differently? word, bored, lord, sword
34. In which word is the ending “ed” pronounced /d/ as in “filed”? wanted, divided, folded, framed
35. In which word is the letter “u” silent? suite, quick, guilty, suit /ˈsu:t/
36. Which pair of words does not rhyme? 1. break, cake; 2. mean, great; 3. blood, flood; 4. dear, fear.
37. In which word is the letter “h-” pronounced? Heir /ˈeər/, honest, humble, hour
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