

PRONUNCIATION QUESTIONS FROM GALICIAN EXAMS

- Which one of the following words has the same vowel sound as the letter underlined in the word “church”: terriers, warm, tourism, **prefer**.
- Write the word whose underlined letters are pronounced differently from the others: **country** /'kʌntri/, **could**, **foot**, **good**.
- In which one of the following words is the underlined letter pronounced “s” /s/? **cycle**; **houses**; **reveals**; **sometimes**.
- 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 /'pɛ:fɪkt/

Bird, third, first

Burden, curse, purse, burn, burst

Word /'wɜ:d/, work /'wɜ:k/, worm /'wɜ:m/

- 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'deɪʃn/, **discover**, **growth** /'grəʊθ/, **models**.
- Write the word whose underlined letters are pronounced differently from the others: **steel**, **previously**, **healthcare**, **believe**.
- In which one of the following words are/is the underlined letter(s) pronounced /b/ like the “o” in “hot”? **some**, **daughter**, **both**, **problems**.
- In which one of the following words is the underlined letter “s” pronounced /s/ as in “summer”? **fortunes**, **industrialists**, **surprising** /sə'rpaɪzɪŋ/, **others**.
- Which one of the following words has the same vowel sound as the letters underlined in the word “free”: **foreign**, **universities**, **least**, **finance**.
- Write the word whose underlined letters are pronounced differently from the others: **taught** /tɔ:t/, **support** /sə'pɔ:t/, **foreign** /'fɔ:rɪn/, **abroad** /ə'brɔ:d/.
- In which one of the following words are/is the underlined letter(s) pronounced “z” /z/? **basket**, **doesn't**, **impressed**, **university**.
- In which one of the following words is the stress on the first syllable, as in “Germany”? **degrees**, **graduate** /'grædʒuət/, **attraction**, **impressed**.
- 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** /'əʊnlɪ/.
- Write the word whose underlined letters are pronounced differently from the others: **learn**, **hurts**, **work**, **sort** /'sɔ:t/.

15. In which one of the following words is the underlined letter pronounced “s” /s/? **This**, **these**, **always**, **because** /bɪ'kez/.

16. In which one of the following words is the letter “o” pronounced /ʌ/ as in “fun”: **brother**, **problem**, **romantically** /rəʊ'mæntɪk^əli/, **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 /'fɪzɪk^əl/, injuries, **detail** /'di:tɪl/, greatest?

20. Write the word whose underlined letters are pronounced differently from the rest: **won** /'wʌn/, **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** /'meər/, 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** /'fu:d/, **fool** /'fu:l/, **cook**, **boot** /'bu:t/.

27. In which word are the underlined letters pronounced /a:/ as in “park”? **bare** /'bɛər/, **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** /'taf/, **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 /θɔ:t/, thanks /θæŋks/, **then**, thumb /'θʌm/ 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 /'su: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 /'eər/, honest, **humble**, hour

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