

ESL Phonetics & Pronunciation

Student Course Syllabus

Course Description

This course helps English learners speak more clearly and confidently by focusing on how English sounds really work. You will learn pronunciation, stress, rhythm, and intonation in a practical, easy-to-understand way. The goal is clear, natural English — not accent elimination.

What You Will Learn

- How English sounds are produced (mouth and tongue position)
- Clear pronunciation of difficult English sounds
- Short and long vowels, diphthongs, and common vowel problems
- Word stress and syllable patterns
- Sentence stress, rhythm, and natural speech flow
- The schwa sound and weak forms
- Intonation for questions, statements, and emotions
- How to self-correct your pronunciation

Course Structure

This course is divided into themed units. Each unit includes listening, speaking practice, repetition, and guided feedback.

- Unit 1: Introduction to English Sounds
- Unit 2: The International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA)
- Unit 3: English Consonant Sounds
- Unit 4: English Vowel Sounds
- Unit 5: The Schwa and Weak Sounds
- Unit 6: Syllables and Word Stress
- Unit 7: Sentence Stress and Rhythm
- Unit 8: Intonation and Meaning
- Unit 9: Connected Speech
- Unit 10: Personal Pronunciation Practice

How Lessons Work

- Speaking-focused lessons
- Listening and repetition practice
- Clear explanations with examples
- Personalized feedback
- Materials provided by the teacher

Who This Course Is For

This course is designed for A2–B2 English learners who want clearer pronunciation and more confidence when speaking. It is suitable for adults and teens.

Student Expectations

- Participate actively in speaking practice
- Practice sounds and sentences between lessons
- Be open to feedback and correction
- Focus on clarity, not perfection

By the end of this course, you should feel more confident, sound clearer, and understand English speech more easily.