

# Pronunciation Practice II

## CONSONANTS (part 2)

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- a) When one plosive is followed by another at the end of a syllable, the second plosive is usually the only one that can be clearly heard. In this exercise, take care not to make an audible release of the first plosive.

Listen and repeat:

pækt packed	ɾɪgd rigged
bægd bagged	dʌkt duct
dropt dropped	lept leapt
rɒbd robbed	græbd grabbed

- b) It is difficult to hear the difference between, for example, 'dropped back' and 'drop back', since in the normal pronunciation only the last plosive of the cluster (the b of bæk) is audibly released. The main difference is that the three-consonant cluster is longer.

Listen and repeat:

A

græbd bæuθ grabbed both  
laɪkt ðəm liked them  
hɒpt bæk hopped back  
lʊkt fɔ:wəd looked forward  
pegd daʊn pegged down  
wɪpt kri:m whipped cream

B

græb bæuθ grab both  
laɪk ðəm like them  
hɒp bæk hop back  
lʊk fɔ:wəd look forward  
peg daʊn peg down  
wɪp kri:m whip cream

**Listen and repeat:**

**helps helps**

**sɪksθ sixth**

**θæŋkt thanked**

**edʒd edged**

**twelfθs twelfths**

**nekst next**

**reɪndʒd ranged**

**rɪskz risks**

**ri:tʃt reached**

**teksts texts**

## TWO-SYLLABLE WORDS WITH WEAK FIRST SYLLABLE AND STRESS ON THE SECOND SYLLABLE

Listen and repeat:

Weak syllable spelt 'a'

about ə'baʊt

ahead ə'hed

again ə'gen

Spelt 'o'

obtuse əb'tju:s

oppose ə'pəʊz

offend ə'fend

Spelt 'u'

suppose sə'pəʊz

support sə'pɔ:t

suggest sə'dʒest

Spelt 'or'

forget fə'get

forsake fə'seɪk

forbid fə'bɪd

Spelt 'er'

perhaps pə'hæps

percent pə'sent

perceive pə'si:v

Spelt 'ur'

survive sə'vaɪv

surprise sə'praɪz

survey (verb) sə'veɪ

**TWO-SYLLABLE WORDS WITH WEAK SECOND SYLLABLE AND  
STRESS ON THE FIRST SYLLABLE**

Listen and repeat:

Weak syllable spelt 'a'

ballad 'bæləd

Alan 'ælən

necklace 'nekləs

Spelt 'o'

melon 'melən

paddock 'pædək

purpose 'pɜ:pəs

Spelt 'e'

hundred 'hʌndrəd

sullen 'sʌlən

open 'əʊpən

Spelt 'u'

circus 'sɜ:kəs

Autumn 'ɔ:təm

album 'ælbəm

Spelt 'ar'

tankard 'tæŋkəd

custard 'kʌstəd

standard 'stændəd

Spelt 'or'

juror 'dʒʊərə

major 'meɪdʒə

manor 'mænə

Spelt 'er'

longer 'lɒŋgə

eastern 'i:stən

mother 'mʌðə

Spelt 'ure'

nature 'neɪtʃə

posture 'pɒstʃə

creature 'kri:tʃə

Spelt 'ous'

ferrous 'ferəs

vicious 'viʃəs

gracious 'greɪʃəs

Spelt 'ough'

thorough 'θʌrə

borough 'bʌrə

Spelt 'our'

saviour 'seɪvjə

succour 'sʌkə

colour 'kʌlə

THREE-SYLLABLE WORDS WITH WEAK SECOND SYLLABLE  
AND STRESS ON THE FIRST SYLLABLE

Listen and repeat:

Weak syllable spelt 'a'

workaday 'wɜ:kədeɪ      roundabout 'raʊndəbaʊt

Spelt 'o'

customer 'kʌstəmə      pantomime 'pæntəmaɪm

Spelt 'u'

perjury 'pɜ:dʒəri      venturer 'ventʃərə

Spelt 'ar'

standardise 'stændədəɪz      jeopardy 'dʒepədi

Spelt 'er'

wonderland 'wʌndələænd      yesterday 'jestədeɪ



### ***Exercise 3 Syllabic !***

Listen and repeat:

bottle 'bɒt!

muddle 'mʌd!

tunnel 'tʌn!

wrestle 'res!

bottled 'bɒt!d

muddled 'mʌd!d

tunnelled 'tʌn!d

wrestled 'res!d

bottling 'bɒt!ɪŋ

muddling 'mʌd!ɪŋ

tunnelling 'tʌn!ɪŋ

wrestling 'res!ɪŋ

### ***Exercise 4 Syllabic ɹ***

Listen and repeat:

burden 'bɜ:dn

frighten 'fraɪn

listen 'lɪsn

burdened 'bɜ:dnɪd

frightened 'fraɪnɪd

listened 'lɪsnɪd

burdening 'bɜ:dnɪŋ

frightening 'fraɪnɪŋ

listening 'lɪsnɪŋ

## ***Exercise 1 Stress marking***

When you hear the word, repeat it, then place a stress mark ' before the stressed syllable.

enimi enemy

kəlekt collect

kæpɪtəl capital

kɑːneɪʃn carnation

pærədəɪs paradise

səbtrækt subtract

ɛləfənt elephant

əbzɜːvə observer

prɒfɪt profit

entəteɪn entertain

## VERBS

- |                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. dɪsi:v deceive     | 6. əbdʒekt object |
| 2. ʃɑ:pən sharpen     | 7. kɒŋkə conquer  |
| 3. kələkt collect     | 8. ŋkɔ:d record   |
| 4. prənaʊns pronounce | 9. pɒlɪʃ polish   |
| 5. kɒpi copy          | 10. dɪpend depend |

## ADJECTIVES

1. i:zi easy
2. kəmpli:t complete
3. meɪdʒə major
4. ələʊn alone
5. bɪləʊ below

6. jeləʊ yellow
7. ɜ:li early
8. səblaɪm sublime
9. hevi heavy
10. əlaɪv alive

## NOUNS

- |                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| 1. bɪʃəp bishop  | 6. ɒfɪs office     |
| 2. æspekt aspect | 7. əreɪ array      |
| 3. əfeə affair   | 8. pətrəʊl patrol  |
| 4. kɑ:pɪt carpet | 9. dentɪst dentist |
| 5. dɪfi:t defeat | 10. ɔ:təm Autumn   |

## VERBS

- |                       |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. entätein entertain | 6. ilisit elicit       |
| 2. rezærekt resurrect | 7. komændiæ commandeer |
| 3. əbændən abandon    | 8. imædʒɪn imagine     |
| 4. dɪlvə deliver      | 9. dɪtɜːmɪn determine  |
| 5. ɪntəʁʌpt interrupt | 10. sepəreɪt separate  |

## ADJECTIVES

1. impɔ:tnt important
2. ɪnɔ:məs enormous
3. derlɪkt derelict
4. desɪml̩ decimal
5. æbnɔ:ml̩ abnormal

6. ɪnslənt insolent
7. fæntæstɪk fantastic
8. negətɪv negative
9. ækjərət accurate
10. ʌnləɪkli unlikely



## NOUNS

- |                        |                          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. fɜ:nɪʃə furniture   | 6. kəθi:drəl cathedral   |
| 2. dɪzɑ:stə disaster   | 7. hɒləkɔ:st holocaust   |
| 3. dɪsaɪpl̩ disciple   | 8. trænɪzɪstə transistor |
| 4. æmbjələns ambulance | 9. æksɪdɪnt accident     |
| 5. kwɒntəti quantity   | 10. təmɑ:təʊ tomato      |