

ENGLISH PRONUNCIATION

[ˈ ɪŋɡlɪʃ prənʌnsɪ'eɪʃn]

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4. Can I borrow your *cup/cap*?
5. We were *wondering/wandering* where she was.
6. She has a *heart/hut* of gold.
7. Put the *batter/butter* in the fridge.
8. Did you say he *run/ran* away?
9. There was a big *cart/cut* in the wood.
10. He tripped over the *stump/stamp* on the ground.

/ɪ/

Italian does not have this sound: *fill* – /fɪl/, *ship* – /ʃɪp/.

Exercise 8 Say whether the pairs of words you hear are the same (S) or different (D).

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| 1. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

/θ/ and /ð/

These sounds do not exist in Italian, so they may be transformed in /t/, /f/ or /d/.

Exercise 9 Write the following words under the correct phonetic sound.

there three breathe thin moth whether although nothing throw either

/θ/	/ð/

/w/

This sound tends to be pronounced by Italian speakers as /v/.

Exercise 10 The teacher will read out the following sentences. Underline the alternative that you hear.

1. There was only a little *vine / wine* left.
2. Where is the *vest / west*?
3. I saw a long *whale / veil* in the distance.
4. What was under the *wheel / veal*?
5. Her poetry has become *worse / verse*.

b) Sometimes vowels are written but not pronounced.

Some examples:

government
garden

family
reason

chocolate
evil

Exercise 21 Mark the silent letters in the following words.

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|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. answer | 6. castle | 11. subtle | 16. island |
| 2. Greenwich | 7. design | 12. vegetable | 17. mustn't |
| 3. interest | 8. know | 13. generous | 18. Wednesday |
| 4. restaurant | 9. comfortable | 14. psychosis | 19. bomb |
| 5. written | 10. honest | 15. cupboard | 20. hoped |



This poem illustrates the various English spelling complexities. Read it aloud.

Beware of heard, a dreadful word
That looks like beard and sounds like wind.
And dead, it's said like led, not bead—
for goodness sake don't call it 'dzed'.
Watch out for meat, not great and threat
(they rhyme with suite and straight and debt).

A moth is not a moth in mother,
Nor both in bother, broth, or brother,
And here is not a match for there,
Nor dear and fear for bear and pear,
And then there's doze and rose and lose—
Just look them up— and goose and choose,
And cork and work and card and ward
And font and front and word and sword,
And do and go and thwart and cart—
Come, I've hardly made a start!

Nouns

-ity, -ety	<i>cap'acity</i>	<i>oppor'tunity</i>
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Note the shift in stress: *'public* *pub'licity*
'social *soc'iety*
to 'vary *var'iety*

-ion	<i>dis'cussion</i>	<i>at'tention</i>
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Note the shift in stress: *to pre'pare* *prepar'ation*
to pro'nounce *pronunci'ation*
to 'realise *realis'ation*

-ian	<i>am'phibian</i>	<i>phy'sician</i>
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Note the shift in stress: *hu'manity* *humani'tarian*
'library *lib'rarian*
'history *his'torian*

-ics	<i>'physics</i>	<i>'ethics</i>	<i>mathe'matics</i>
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Verbs

-ify, -ish	<i>to 'magnify</i>	<i>to a'bolish</i>
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Note the shift in stress: *'person* *to pers'onify*

Exercise 23 Mark the primary stress in the following words.

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|----------------|---------------|
| 1. village | 6. passion |
| 2. society | 7. anxiety |
| 3. talkative | 8. universal |
| 4. suffragette | 9. career |
| 5. classify | 10. economics |

Adjectives

-ic, -ible, -igible	<i>his'toric</i>	<i>in'visible</i>	<i>'eligible</i>
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Note the shift in stress: *e'conomy* *eco'nomie*
to ne'glect *'negligible*

-ious, -eous, -uous	<i>'glorious</i>	<i>ar'boreous</i>	<i>con'tinuous</i>
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UNIT 5 ENGLISH WORDS USED IN ITALIAN

In the last century the Italian language has adopted and adapted a wide range of English words, especially when they refer to new products and trends. For example, *browser*, *welfare*, and *pullover*, to name but a few. Other influences concern direct translations from English into Italian: *la maggioranza silenziosa* (the silent majority) and *le pubbliche relazioni* (public relations). Another way to handle foreign words is to adapt the spelling to Italian, so we have *ferribot* (ferryboat) and *nailon* (nylon), or else Italian suffixes are added to an English word, such as *stoppare* and *bluffare*. There is also a tendency to coin English words that do not in fact exist in English (called ‘false anglicisms’), such as *footing* (jogging) and *fiction* (TV series).

Exercise 34 The following words are commonly used in Italian. Make sure you know their correct pronunciation.

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| 1. management | 11. report |
| 2. performance | 12. hamburger |
| 3. audience | 13. privacy |
| 4. replay | 14. suspense |
| 5. know-how | 15. Japan |
| 6. check-in | 16. mountain bike |
| 7. server | 17. wafer |
| 8. partner | 18. flashback |
| 9. desktop | 19. club |
| 10. cover | 20. bunker |

that the **right** answer? 7. **Here** is where the battle took place. 8. The monarch's **reign** was peaceful. 9. He couldn't **bear** to be seen. 10. This novel is **by** a famous author.

Exercise 21

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|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. <u>ans</u> wer | 6. cast <u>le</u> | 11. sub <u>tl</u> e | 16. <u>is</u> land |
| 2. Green <u>w</u> ich | 7. design <u>u</u> | 12. vege <u>t</u> able | 17. must <u>n</u> 't |
| 3. inter <u>est</u> | 8. <u>k</u> now | 13. gene <u>er</u> ous | 18. Wed <u>ne</u> sday |
| 4. resta <u>ur</u> ant | 9. comfo <u>rt</u> able | 14. <u>ps</u> ychosis | 19. bomb <u>b</u> |
| 5. <u>w</u> ritten | 10. <u>h</u> onest | 15. cup <u>bo</u> ard | 20. hop <u>e</u> d |

UNIT 3

Exercise 22

1. mir-ror 2. sun-shine 3. po-em 4. won-der-ful 5. ca-len-dar
 6. glo-bal 7. fit-ness 8. De-cem-ber 9. com-pu-ter 10. lov-ely
 11. fine 12. tongue 13. over-sleep 14. din-ner 15. an-ti-dote

Exercise 23

1. 'village 2. so'ciety 3. 'talkative 4. suffra'get 5. classify
 6. 'passion 7. an'xiety 8. uni'versal 9. cin'ema 10. eco'nomics

Exercise 24

1. e'conomy / eco'nomics 2. ex'periment / experi'mental
 3. 'history / hi'storian 4. 'nation / natio'nality
 5. phi'losophy / philo'sophical 6. psy'chiatry / psychi'atric
 7. 'science / scien'tific 8. ex'amine / exami'nation
 9. 'idiot / idi'otic 10. 'demonstrate / demon'stration

Exercise 25

1. to 'conduct / con'duct 2. to de'sert / 'desert 3. to pre'sent / 'present
 4. to sub'ject / 'subject 5. to con'flict / 'conflict 6. to de'crease / 'decrease
 7. to ob'ject / 'object 8. to pro'duce / 'produce 9. to sus'pect / 'suspect
 10. to re'bel / 'rebel.

Exercise 26

1. c) po-'et-ic 2. d) 'nec-es-sar-y 3. b) oc-'cur 4. d) ad-'vise