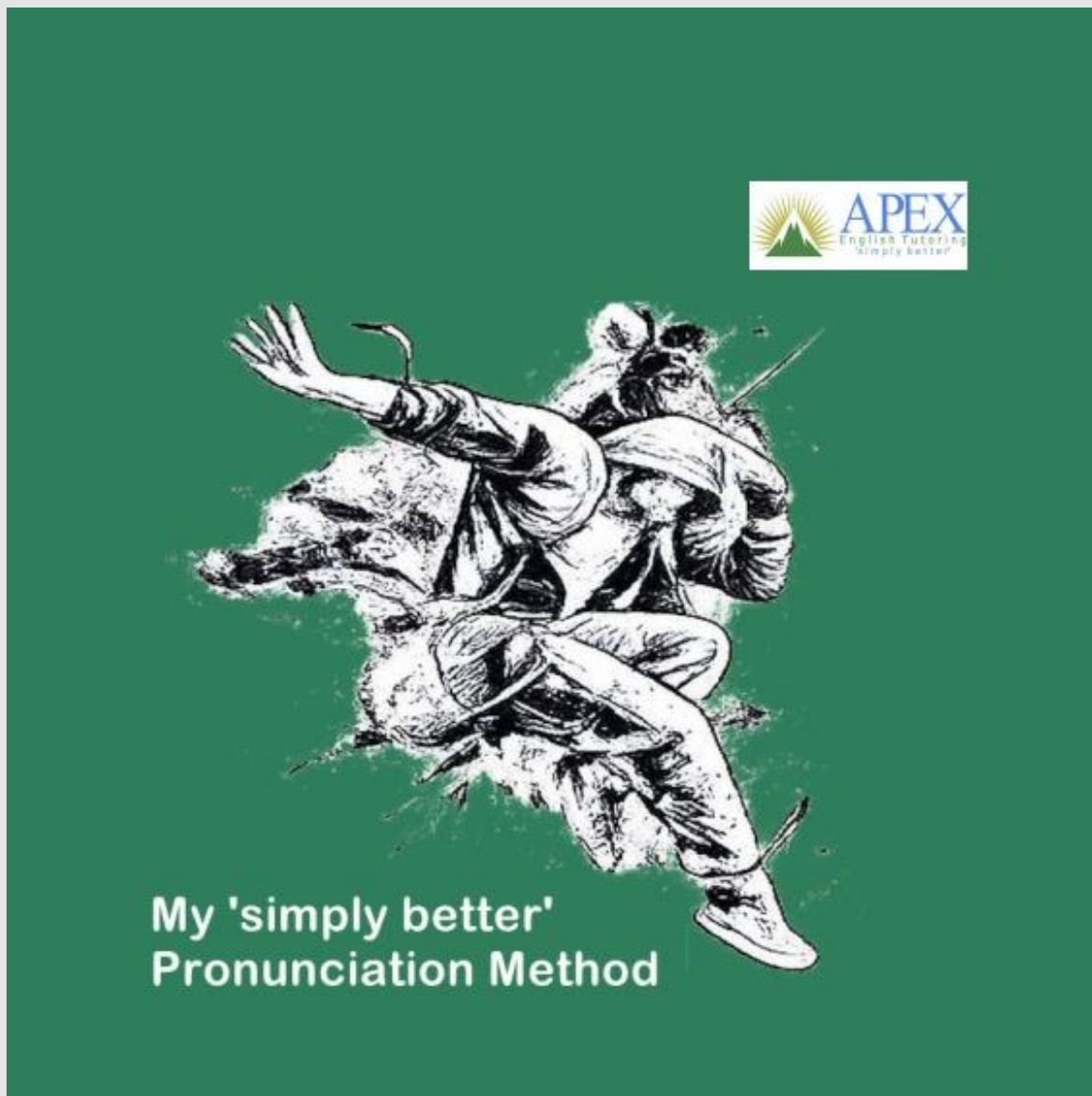


My 'simply better' Pronunciation Method

Learning the Method



Introduction

In this section, I will teach you My 'simply better' Pronunciation Method.

Everything you have learned so far has prepared you for this lesson.

You have learned the English Phonemic Alphabet (EPA).

You should be much more familiar with writing, reading and pronouncing:

- Vowels
- Diphthongs
- Consonants

Remembering the 'scripts' of the EPA is not easy.

The more you practise, the better you will become.

Using the EPA will become as 'natural' as reading, writing and saying the 'normal' English alphabet.

The EPA and the Method go hand in hand.

You cannot use the Method unless you know the EPA.

Let's begin.

This will be the shortest lesson of the whole Course.

Why? Because it is so easy.

You should 'get it' in a few minutes and have it as a lesson for life. You will never forget it.

But you must follow the steps of the method exactly for it to be effective.

How my method is different

Some people practice their pronunciation by looking at the word and trying to say it as written.

But, unless they know how each sound or syllable is pronounced, they won't succeed.

Moreover, because they probably have not learned the Phonetic Alphabet or the way in which sounds are made with the voice, they will have to remember how to pronounce it every time.

And each time, the pronunciation might be different.

For example, if you were to try to remember how 'coughed' is pronounced, you'd have to remember that it rhymes with 'soft' and not 'roughed' which rhymes with 'puffed'.

Knowing the EPA makes it so much easier.

And you have learned the EPA.

Now, let's go a little further.

The most important part

When you want to practice the pronunciation of any word, practice by looking at and reading the phonemic script NOT the original word in normal English.

I will repeat that statement and making it even larger as I really want you to understand it.

When you want to practice the pronunciation of any word, practice by looking at and reading the phonemic script NOT the original word in normal English.

I am sure you will be collecting a list of the words you have problems pronouncing.

A notebook is a good idea
Write your word here..

In your notebook, I want you to **organise it like this.**

Problem English Word	Phonemic Script
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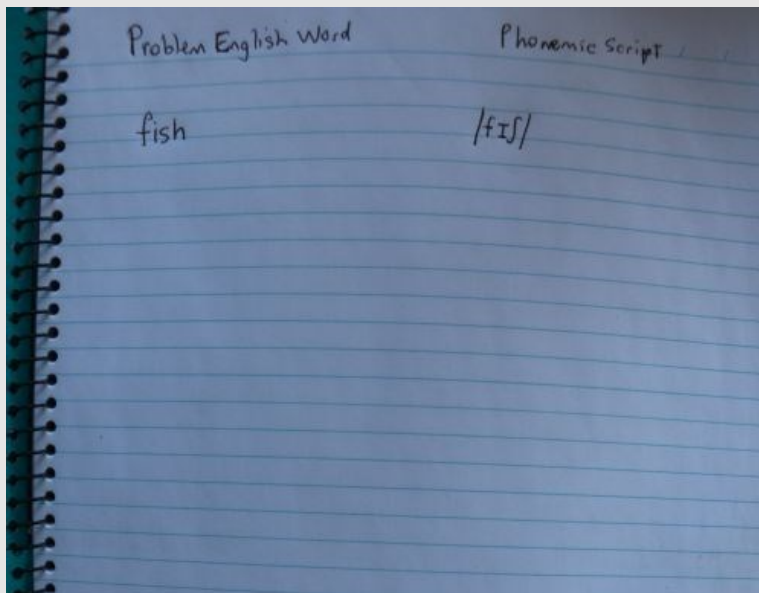
fish	/fɪʃ/
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Now, remember the rule (above) for practicing?

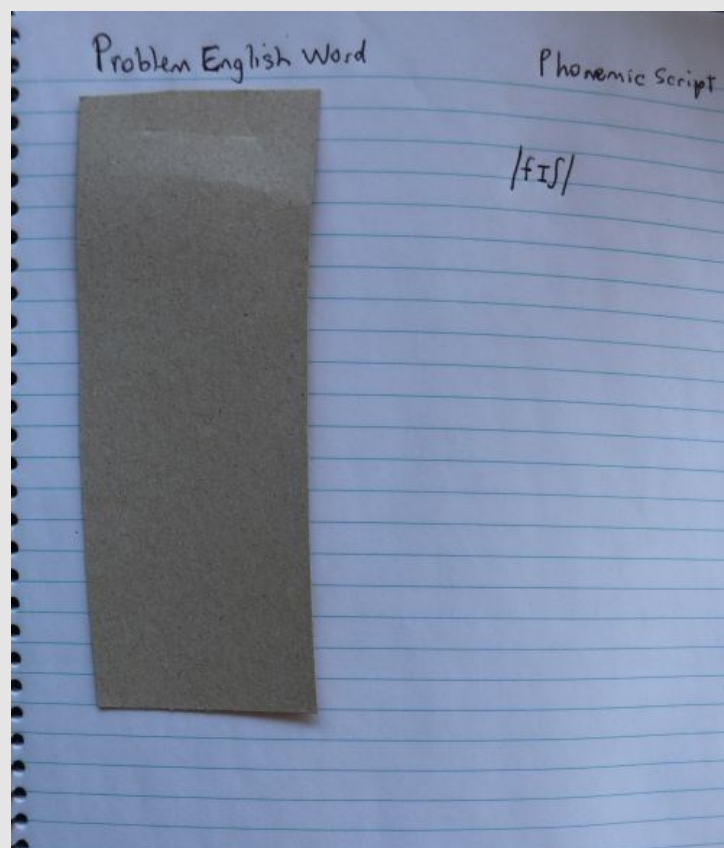
Cover the word ‘fish’ and look at /fɪʃ/

Keep the word ‘fish’ in your ‘minds eye’.

To make sure you are practicing with ONLY the phonemic script, use this technique, as seen in the photographs.



The picture above shows how the words are organised in your notebook. In the picture below, a piece of cardboard is used to cover the 'problem word' while you say the word.



A third step, perhaps a day later, is to go back to your list and this time cover the phonemic script.

Look at the ‘problem word’ and try and pronounce it.

Check your pronunciation with the script to see if you are correct.

If not, repeat the first steps and test yourself later.

Make sure you are ‘saying’ the phonemes in the script correctly. Check each one to make sure.

It is important that you are saying the word correctly. If not, you are getting good at saying it incorrectly.

Then go back to your practice.

How many times do I have to say the word?

Say it enough times so that you can pronounce it easily.

Then, as I explained above, come back at a later time to test yourself.

And that is the Method explained.

Good luck with your practice.

Conclusion

I am sure you will agree that the Method I have taught you is very simple.

The value lies in its simplicity—making it so easy to remember— and use!

I hope my explanation of the process convinces you that it is an effective way to practice your pronunciation.

You will know it's effective if your pronunciation improves.

Remember:

Practice by **looking** at the phonemic spelling of the English word.

Check the written phonemes and that you are saying them correctly.

Test yourself later by covering the phonemic script and 'say' the English word.

I am not finished yet though.

You will need to know which words you may need to begin practicing your pronunciation.

In the next lesson, I will list the words that are supposed to be the most difficult for people whose first language is not English.

So, after you have gathered together a notebook and a piece of cardboard, and written 'fish' and /fɪʃ/ as your first word, get ready to start collecting—and practicing—the difficult words.

When you are ready, click or tap to go here...

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Difficult Word List

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