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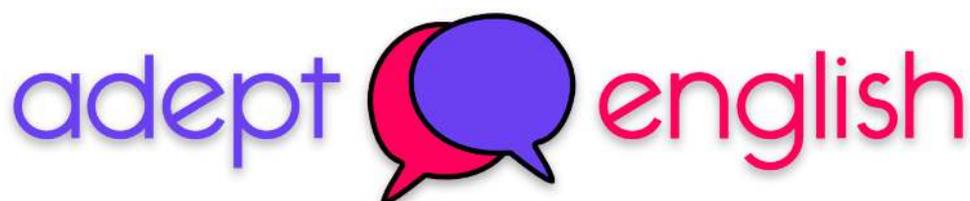
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English Pronunciation Practice [Lesson 96] Learn English Through Listening

Welcome

Hi, I'm Hilary and welcome to this, the latest podcast from Adept English. If you haven't visited our website recently, go and have a look at adeptenglish.com and you'll see there have been quite a lot of changes to the website. We think that we've made the shopping cart better, when you're buying courses - and we've made some of the pages simpler, so that it's easier for you to read. Let's do some English pronunciation practice today! English pronunciation is something that we get emails about. People asking 'What's the best way to improve your English pronunciation?' Well, let's have a go today - and use the method that we use on the Adept English Course One to help with pronunciation.



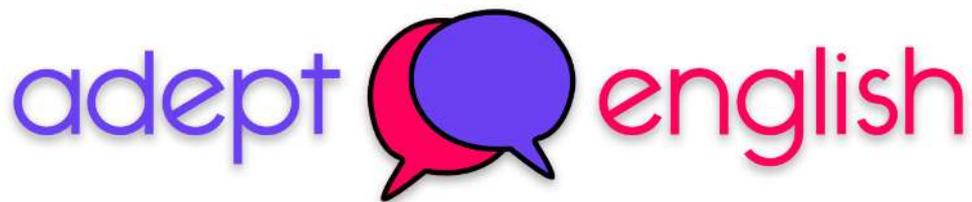
How To Use This English Lesson

The Adept English method is all about learning through listening, so that you become very, very fluent at UNDERSTANDING English first of all. Sooner or later, when you've heard enough spoken English, you will be ready to speak it. You're well on your way then and the next stage is to get an English language partner so that you can start to improve your English speaking skills. You can do this online. Find someone else, who is also learning English, then you can talk to one another on FaceTime or Skype. When you start to speak, the sentences which you say will be much simpler than the sentences that you understand, at least to begin with. But that is normal and to improve your English speaking skill quickly, you'll need to keep listening and practising speaking.

But before you're ready to find a language partner and start practising your English conversation, it's a good idea to practise your English pronunciation first. Sometimes English words can be a bit difficult, a bit tricky to pronounce. But it's also just practice getting your mouth, your tongue to say the words, which you're now familiar with hearing. Like the listening, it tends to work best and build your confidence if you repeat the same sentences a few times. Another good idea is to record yourself - then play it back and listen to how you sound. Sometimes you'll hear how your pronunciation isn't quite right and it gives you opportunity to correct it.

An Example Of The Pronunciation Practice From Our Paid English Course One

So how do the pronunciation bits of Course One work? Well, the main part of the course is made of articles, conversations and vocabulary explanations -



these are the great listening parts. Then for a bit of pronunciation practice, I choose some phrases from one of the recordings and I say them slowly and then I leave a gap, a silence, so that you can say them back to me. If you repeat doing this several times with the same sentences, you'll find that you can say it really well, and sound very English. The parts of your brain which are used for speaking start to get some practice in and the whole thing becomes easier.

Rule Three of the Seven Rules of Adept English says that you can do your listening practice almost anywhere. But I suggest that you do your pronunciation practice on your own. Otherwise, you will get some funny looks on the train or the bus. So practise with me - I'll say each sentence three times and I'll leave you a space, so that you can have a go and say it too.

The Sentences You Will Practice

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If you practise your pronunciation on the bus or the train, you might get some



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Practise these sentences a few times. What you'll notice is that they may be difficult at first, but then they get easier and easier to say. See how English you can sound. Even perhaps put on a really big English accent to make yourself laugh – see how English you can sound!

Goodbye

Enough for now, have a lovely day. Speak to you again soon. Goodbye.

Bonus For Those Students Who Stayed This Far

[NB. In case you were wondering, 'to practise' is the verb and you spell it with an S. 'Practice' is the noun and you spell it with a C. Lots of English speakers would get this wrong – so be smarter than them, but note also – in American English, it's always 'practise'!]



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