Guide & Best Practices for Improving Your Accent!

How to Get the Most Out of Your Pronunciation Workshop



Welcome! You're on your way to sounding more like a local! It's one thing to learn the relevant words, vocabulary and phrases, but correct (or in the very least improved) pronunciation will make ALL the difference in your ability to be understood, in your confidence and on your journey to proficiency. *Congratulazioni!*

Please read on to get a feel of the flow and benefits! What you can find with each sound:

1 Why a Challenge for English Speakers?

Explanation of why / how the particular sound is challenging for us. This brief description puts it all in perspective, so you know 'its not just you'! We're in this together :) *Dai!*

2 Video: Repeat After Team FLC

Re-watch this video of our instructor slowly repeating a list of words demonstrating this sound, as much as you want & can! It's important to SEE as you listen how the lips and mouth move. Visual and audio together, the magic mix!

* Please repeat each word after the teacher, ***out loud, be proud*** **(that's how we roll!).** 1st look at the teacher as he/she pronounces and as you repeat the word; then look at the written word as you listen and repeat. *¡Repetiamo!*
* We suggest going through the video at least 3x initially, but no amount is too much!
* It's truly not enough just *to listen. Prego,* the activity of speaking and ***hearing yourself*** makes ALL the difference in your progress.
* Notice how the particular sound varies when it's positioned in different places / syllables in the word. Is it easier or more challenging for you if an 'R' is the first letter, in the middle of a word or at the end...? you'll find out! Find your strengths and weaknesses, and build on each!

3 Word Bank & Accompanying Audio File: Practice! Practice! Practice!

Now you'll practice on your own with a different list of words, each with varying placement of the particular sound. You'll be able to *SEE the words as you play the recording.* The instructor will say each word 3 times slowly. Please repeat each time, again ***Out loud, Be proud!***

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Tongue Twister Fun: *Not Just for Kids Anymore!*

Visual and audio together again, this time you'll see the 'tongue twister' and it's translation (but don't get too caught up on meaning, we're working on sounds)

Why These Matter: Speech pathologists commonly use tongue twisters for several reasons: repeating similar sound patterns *out loud* forms muscle habit, improves articulation / enunciation and requires a concentration on a particular sound - all while having fun !

How To Use Them: Read and Listen first! Then repeat these at least 3 times ***out loud (be proud!)*** *Challenge yourself as our instructors try to increase speed too! It's ok, laugh at us and yourself :)*

Expert Tip! Exaggerate the sound when making it yourself...about the time you feel it's over -exaggeration, you're well on your way! *Si, è vero!*

Grazie! In Bocca al Lupa!

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