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### Introduction (2 - 74) \*

Most people have trouble pronouncing some English words correctly. Some of these are quite common, everyday words. Others are not so common. You know the meaning of some. But you aren't sure how to pronounce them--because you haven't heard them pronounced in daily conversation, or on radio, or on television. And to complicate matters, some words have only one acceptable pronunciation. Others have 2, 3, and even more acceptable pronunciations.

For this program we have drawn up a list of words that confuse and embarrass even the best-educated people. There are, of course, many other troublesome words. We couldn't possibly include them all here. But those on our list rank high among words that are frequently mispronounced.

We have designed this program to be practical, useful, and easy to follow. And here's how it works:

\*The numbers under each letter indicate where, on your tape counter, you can locate the words on the printed list. For example, all the words beginning with A are between number 75 and number 154. Tape recorders are not made exactly alike.

So there are likely to be some slight differences in the way their counters work. Be prepared to make some minor adjustments when you are looking for a particular word.

You want, for example, to know how A D U L T is pronounced. All you have to do is:

1. Find the word in the printed list.
2. Note its number.
3. Then set your record or cassette accordingly.

You will immediately hear the correct, acceptable pronunciation.

For A D U L T there are 2 pronunciations.

(VOICE)

Repeat the pronunciation of each word out loud right after you hear it. We have allowed enough time between words for you to do this without feeling rushed.

For each word on our list we are using the authoritative pronunciations recorded in the four major American desk dictionaries: THE AMERICAN HERITAGE DICTIONARY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, WEBSTER'S NEW COLLEGIATE DICTIONARY, THE RANDOM HOUSE COLLEGE DICTIONARY, WEBSTER'S NEW WORLD DICTIONARY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

For a great many words, all the dictionaries give only 1 acceptable pronunciation. But they do not agree about the number of acceptable pronunciations of some words. For example, all 4 dictionaries recognize (VOICE) as acceptable. But only 2 of the 4 record a second acceptable pronunciation. We list both pronunciations.

(VOICE)

According to all the dictionaries, the pronunciations you will hear in this program reflect the pronunciations of cultivated speakers from all parts of our country. So you can feel perfectly confident and at ease using any one of them.

<u>SIDE 1.</u>					
	<u>A</u>				
(75 - 154)					
1. abdomen	33. benign	68. covet	100. espionage	133. gingham	
2. aborigine	34. bestial	69. coxswain	101. executor	134. glacier	
3. acclimate	35. boatswain	70. coyote	102. exemplary	135. gouge	
4. acumen	36. bouquet	71. cuisine	103. expose	136. gratis	
5. adamant	37. bourgeois	72. culinary	104. exquisite	137. greasy	
6. address (noun)	38. brooch			138. grimace	
7. adieu	39. buoy	<u>D</u>	<u>F</u>	139. guerilla	
8. admirable		(245 - 280)	(310 - 340)	140. guillotine	
9. adobe	<u>C</u>	73. dais	105. facet	141. gyroscope	
10. adult	(178 - 244)	74. data	106. faucet		
11. advertisement	40. cache	75. debris	107. February		
12. affluent	41. cadre	76. debut	108. feign	<u>H</u>	
13. albumen	42. caramel	77. decadence	109. fete	(364 - 382)	
14. alias	43. carbine	78. decoy	110. fetish	142. hallucinogen	
15. almond	44. chameleon	79. deign	111. fetus	143. halo	
16. anathema	45. chamois	80. deity	112. feud	144. harass	
17. angina	46. chassis	81. deluxe	113. fiasco	145. heinous	
18. antarctic	47. chic	82. depot	114. finale	146. hemorrhage	
19. apartheid	48. chimpanzee	83. detente	115. flagrant	147. herb	
20. apotheosis	49. chiropodist	84. detour	116. flotilla	148. hiccough	
21. apparatus	50. chiropractor	85. diphtheria	117. foliage	149. hideous	
22. apricot	51. chocolate	86. divan	118. forehead	150. hierarchy	
23. archetype	52. cliche	87. divisive	119. fracas	151. homicidal	
24. arctic	53. climactic	88. drama	120. frugal	152. hospitable	
25. armada	54. clique	89. drought	121. fugue	153. hovel	
26. aspirant	55. cocoon		122. fungi	154. hover	
27. atrophy	56. coffee	<u>E</u>	123. fungus	<u>I</u>	
28. avenue	57. colic	(281 - 309)	124. furlough	(383 - 427)	
29. aviator	58. coma	90. echelon		155. ignoramus	
	59. comparable	91. economics	<u>G</u>	156. illustrate	
	60. concerto	92. eczema	(341 - 363)	157. impetus	
	61. connoisseur	93. ego	125. gala	158. implacable	
	62. conversant	94. either	126. gauge	159. impotent	
	63. corps	95. elite	127. gauze	160. impudent	
	64. corral	96. envelope	128. geisha	161. impugn	
<u>B</u>	65. corsage	97. envoy	129. geriatrics	162. incognito	
(155 - 177)	66. coup	98. era	130. germane	163. incubate	
30. babel	67. coupon	99. err	131. geyser	164. inculcate	
31. bade			132. gherkin	165. indefatigable	
32. bayou					



166. indict	<u>L</u> (29 - 82)	231. medicinal	263. obscenity	297. plebiscite
167. indisputable	198. lackadaisical	232. mediocre	264. obsequies	298. plumage
168. inebriated	199. larynx	233. mediocrity	265. occult	299. poem
169. inertia	200. laser	234. memoir	266. ogle	300. poignant
170. infamous	201. lasso	235. menial	267. ogre	301. polygamy
171. infamy	202. leaven	236. menu	268. ombudsman	302. pompous
172. infantile	203. leeward	237. meringue	269. omnipotent	303. posse
173. inimitable	204. leisure	238. militia	270. omniscient	304. posterity
174. inquiry	205. leper	239. mimicry	271. onerous	305. potentate
175. insignia	206. lethal	240. mirage	272. opaque	306. praline
176. insomnia	207. leverage	241. mischievous	273. orchid	307. predator
177. integral	208. licorice	242. mocha	274. orgy	308. preface
178. intelligentsia	209. lien	243. montage		309. preferable
179. interrogate	210. lingerie	244. municipal	<u>P</u> (188 - 290)	310. preference
180. intransigent	211. loathe	245. museum	275. pachyderm	311. preferment
181. inundate	212. locale	246. musicale	276. paean	312. premise
182. inveigle	213. locution	247. mustache	277. pagoda	313. prestige
183. iota	214. loge		278. palsy	314. prevalent
184. irascible	215. longevity	<u>N</u> (138 - 162)	279. pamphlet	315. primal
185. irrevocable	216. long-lived	248. nadir	280. panacea	316. primarily
186. isotope	217. lounge	249. naive	281. pandemonium	317. primer (elementary book)
187. isthmus	218. lucre	250. naphtha	282. panorama	318. primer
	219. luscious	251. nausea	283. papal	319. primeval
<u>SIDE 2.</u>	220. luxury	252. nee	284. parfait	320. proclamation
<u>J</u> (1 - 15)		253. neither	285. parliament	321. prodigal
188. jeopardy		254. nepotism	286. patio	322. prodigious
189. jewelry	<u>M</u> (83 - 137)	255. nicety	287. patronage	323. prodigy
190. joust	221. machete	256. niche	288. pauper	324. promenade
191. jugular	222. machination	257. novice	289. pecan	325. promulgate
192. junta	223. machismo	258. nuclear	290. piety	326. propriety
	224. mange	259. nuptial	291. pincers	327. prostate
<u>K</u> (16 - 28)	225. manger		292. pinnacle	328. prostrate
193. kaleidoscope	226. maraschino	<u>O</u> (163 - 187)	293. piquant	329. protégé
194. karat	227. margarine	260. oasis	294. pistachio	330. protein
195. ketchup	228. masochism	261. obese	295. plaid	331. psyche
196. kiln	229. matriarch	262. obesity	296. plebeian	332. psychosis
197. kilometer	230. maudlin			

333. puberty	366. requiem	403. suede
334. pugilist	367. respite	404. surveillance
335. puny	368. resurrection	405. syringe
336. putrid	369. ricochet	406. syrup
337. putty	370. risque	
338. pyorrhea	371. robot	<u><math>\frac{T}{(383 - 398)}</math></u>
	372. robust	407. tarpaulin
<u><math>\frac{Q}{(291 - 296)}</math></u>	373. rodeo	408. taut
339. quay	374. rouge	409. technique
340. query	375. route	410. thyme
341. queue		411. tinge
342. quixotic	<u><math>\frac{S}{(344 - 382)}</math></u>	412. titan
	376. sacrilege	413. tithe
<u><math>\frac{R}{(297 - 343)}</math></u>	377. sacrilegious	414. tomato
343. rabies	378. sadism	415. tomb
344. radiator	379. saga	416. tournament
345. rancor	380. scion	417. tremor
346. raspberry	381. seance	418. trustee
347. rather	382. sesame	419. tryst
348. ration	383. sheik	
349. rationale	384. short-lived	<u><math>\frac{U}{(399 - 400)}</math></u>
350. ravenous	385. sieve	420. ultimatum
351. ravine	386. silo	
352. rebuke	387. sinew	<u><math>\frac{V}{(401 - 412)}</math></u>
353. recluse	388. singe	421. vaccine
354. recruit	389. siphon	422. vanilla
355. refuge	390. skein	423. vase
356. regal	391. sleazy	424. venal
357. regale	392. sleight	425. venial
358. regalia	393. solder	426. via
359. regatta	394. species	427. viands
360. regimen	395. squalor	428. visa
361. relic	396. stallion	
362. remunerate	397. status	<u><math>\frac{W}{(413 - 414)}</math></u>
363. renegade	400. suave	429. worsted
364. renege	401. subpoena	
365. replica	402. succinct	<u><math>\frac{Z}{(415)}</math></u>
		430. zenith