

ENGLISH VOCABULARY SPOKEN BY BRAZILIANS

TEACHING INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Target:** Intermediate B1-B2
- **Length:** One 30-minute lesson
- **Topic:** Vowel Epenthesis in English Pronunciation by Brazilian Speakers
- **Sub-Topic:** Common pronunciation patterns influenced by Brazilian Portuguese
- **Assumptions of Previous Knowledge:** Students may have basic knowledge of English pronunciation but might be unaware of the phenomenon of vowel epenthesis or its impact on intelligibility in communication.
- **Instructional Goals:** By the end of this class, students will be able to recognize and correct occurrences of epenthesis in their pronunciation; to enhance their awareness of common pronunciation errors influenced by their native language; and to practice proper articulation and reduce the insertion of unnecessary vowel sounds in words.
- **Pedagogic Resources Needed:** Whiteboard; Projector for videos; Internet access to show a YouTube video on epenthesis (<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/SMyk11pjkwk>).

HOW DO YOU PRONOUNCE THESE WORDS?

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YouTube

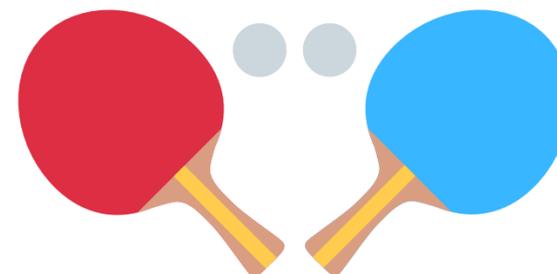
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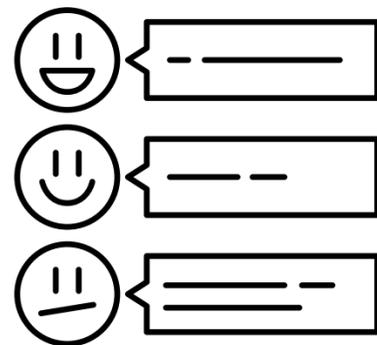
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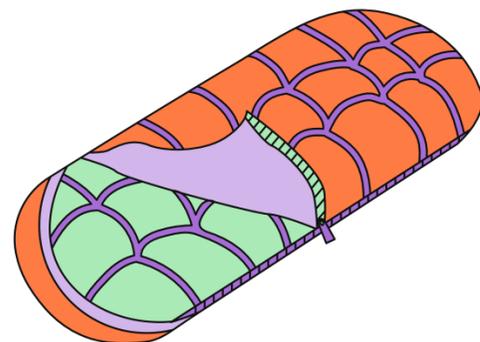
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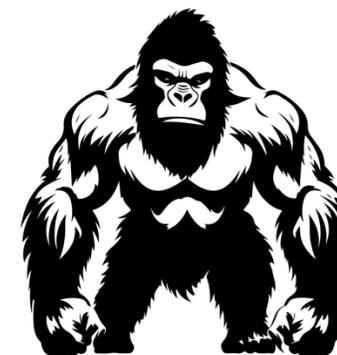
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SLEEPING BAG



KING KONG



DO PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT PLACES PRONOUNCE WORDS DIFFERENTLY? DO BRAZILIANS DO THAT?

LET'S CHECK!

WATCH THE VIDEO:

[HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/SHORTS/SMYK11PJKWK](https://www.youtube.com/shorts/smyk11pjkwk)



COMPREHENSION

WHAT DID YOU UNDERSTAND ABOUT THE VIDEO?

DID YOU THINK IT WAS FUNNY? WHY?

WHY DID THE AUDIENCE LAUGH AT WHAT THE MAN WAS SAYING?

WHAT IS DIFFERENT IN PRONUNCIATION BETWEEN BRAZILIAN ENGLISH AND NATIVE SPEAKER ENGLISH ?

EPENTHESIS

It is the insertion of an /i/ sound within a word, usually at the end or beginning of the word

PT-BR

Brazilian Portuguese often finishes syllables in consonants followed by vowel sounds, so Brazilian speakers tend to do the same in English. But it should be avoided!

WHAT HAPPENS?

If you do so, you are adding an extra syllable to the word:

HOT DOG = 2 SYLLABLES
 "HOTEE DOGEE" = 4 SYLLABLES

CONSEQUENCES

You may sound CUTE!
 e.g. "HOTEE DOGEE" may sound like CACHORRINHO QUENTINHO
 or
 The sentence may sound weird!
 e.g. "He gave me a "BADDY FEEDBACKY" may sound arrogant

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NOW THAT YOU KNOW WHAT AN **EPENTHESIS** IS, GO BACK AND **READ THE TEXTS OUT LOUD** MAKING SURE YOU PRONOUNCE ALL THE WORDS WITH THEIR PROPER SOUNDS. IF YOU ARE NOT SURE, **HERE ARE SOME WEBSITES YOU CAN CHECK:**

[FORVO](#)

[CAMBRIDGE DICTIONARY](#)

[WORDREFERENCE](#)

THANK YOU!

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