

A Review of English Pronunciation:

Silent Letters, Minimal Pairs, and Vowel Sounds

Introduction

This REA is a material produced to provide an example of a pronunciation activity. The proposals are simple to apply and can result in a very fun and interactive class. The activities can be easily adapted according to the needs of each class.

Main objectives

The following REA aims to make students able to:

- Identify, distinguish and produce short and long vowel sounds, minimal pairs and words with silent sounds.
- Improve listening and speaking skills through pronunciation activities.
- Apply pronunciation knowledge in interactive activities.

Class Profile

- Number of Students: about 20 students
- Age: Teenagers, but it was designed for use with all ages
- English level: Intermediate



Warm-up Activity

Broken Telephone

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Instructions:

- Students stand in a circle.
- The teacher whispers a sentence to the first student.
- The sentence is passed around the circle by whispering.
- The last student says the sentence out loud to check if it remained the same.

Examples of sentences:

- There's a sheep on the ship.
- The cat had a hat with a fat rat

3 Clues Game

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Examples of clues:

Clue 01

"This word has a silent 'K'."

Clue 02

"It's something you use to open a door."

Clue 03

"It rhymes with 'bee'."

Answer: *Knee*

How it Works:

- Class is divided into two teams.
- Each round, a student from each team tries to guess a word based on pronunciation clues.
- Three clues are provided, with decreasing point values (10, 9, 8).
- If no one guesses the word using the three clues, the first student to correctly write the word on the board earns 8 points.

Game time

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Game time - Flashcards to print

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Three clues game

Let's play!

Knee

1. The first letter is not pronounced;
2. It's a part of the body;
3. You bend it when you sit down

Island

1. The biggest is Greenland;
2. The combination of several forms an archipelago;
3. It's a piece of land surrounded by water.

Wednesday

1. It's the name of a series;
2. Lady Gaga's song Bloody Mary is associated with this word;
3. The official day to wear pink.

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Wrap-up Activity

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Instructions:

- Ask students about their pronunciation difficulties.
- Write the words that caused the most difficulty on the board.
- Practice pronouncing these words with the students, reinforcing difficult or unusual sounds.
- Ask the students to repeat the words out loud a few times.

What did you think of the activity?

Which words did you find most difficult to pronounce?

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