

Improving Your English Pronunciation

With English as second language, proper pronunciation in the vernacular can be more difficult than usual. These few tips should help you get a good grasp on it.

1. **Speak Slowly.** The faster you speak, the more mistakes you're going to make. Unless you've already mastered a language, a slower pace will be of tremendous benefit. The faster you speak, the more pronounced your accent is going to be. In the English language, taking 2.5 seconds to utter a word is perfectly normal for non-native speakers.

2. **Pronounce All The Sounds.** As someone who's more familiar with the nuances of a language other than English, it's tempting to ignore certain sounds if you're unused to doing them in your native tongue. Problem is, those utterances could be what separates one phrase from another, so make it a point to enunciate everything completely. Use your [language software](#) or audio course to learn the proper way to pronounce each portion of the speech.

3. **Record Your Speech.** A great way to be alerted of your weaknesses in pronunciation is to make a habit of speaking into a recorder and studying your speech. Recording lines that you hear from a movie, for instance, allows you to compare your speech to that of a better speaker. With enough practice, you can train yourself to deliver words in the correct manner by mimicking the source.

4. **Speak Louder.** Many folks speaking an unfamiliar language tend to drown out their speech with their thoughts, basically speaking with too soft a voice due to fear of saying the wrong things. Unfortunately, doing so just reinforces any bad pronunciation as they are unable to hear themselves clearly, apart from making it harder for others to properly make out what they're saying.