



Overview

Clear Pronunciation 1 (Sounds) helps learners recognise and pronounce 43 English phonemes: vowels, consonants and diphthongs. The program includes over 1,000 audio clips and 50 videos which provide both comprehensive input for the sounds, and models for learners to copy. The Recorder enables users to record their voice and assess their pronunciation against a native speaker.

Who is it for?

Clear Pronunciation is suitable for all students who wish to improve their pronunciation. Elementary to Intermediate

What is the approach?

Each of the 25 units in the program contrasts two sounds, for example head/had, there/dare, hair/hear. The first screen presents each sound independently — both in isolation and in the context of individual words — through video and audio. Examples are provided of each position in which the phoneme is commonly found: initial, middle and final.

The second activity presents examples of the sound in sentences for learners to listen to and repeat. They then move on to a discrimination exercise where they listen to the target phonemes and identify them to complete a task. Again, learners can use the Recorder for further practice in producing the sound.

Learners then meet the target sounds in a real-world context. They might listen to someone describing a photograph, a child singing a nursery rhyme or the repeated vowel sounds in movie titles (for example, the diphthong in Trading Places and Snakes on a Plane).

International Phonemic Alphabet

The final activity is a randomised IPA test where learners refine and test their knowledge of phonemic symbols. This enables them to use phonemic transcriptions in dictionaries with confidence.

Pronunciation and self-study

Learners find it extremely useful to practise pronunciation as a self-study activity. They can repeat activities as many times as they like, and can make mistakes without embarrassment. Clear Pronunciation 1 is the ideal tool for helping your learners to master the phonemes of English.