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What is Pronunciation

Mastering Pronunciation for Better Reading Skills!

DEFINITION

Pronunciation is how we say words correctly. It helps others understand what we mean.

KEY CONCEPTS

Sounds

Each letter or combination of letters produces specific sounds in words.

Stress

Some syllables in words are emphasized more than others, changing meaning.

Intonation

The rise and fall of our voice while speaking can convey emotions or questions.

Phonetics

The study of sounds in speech helps us understand how to pronounce words.

Articulation

This is how we move our mouth, tongue, and lips to produce sounds.

EXAMPLES

- The word 'cat' has a short 'a' sound.
- In 'record', the stress is on the second syllable when it's a noun.
- Saying 'hello' with a rising tone can indicate a question.

MEMORY TIPS

- ★ Use rhymes to remember tricky words.
- ★ Break words into syllables to pronounce them easily.
- ★ Practice tongue twisters to improve articulation.

COMMON MISTAKES

- ✗ Confusing similar-sounding words like 'bat' and 'pat'.
- ✗ Not stressing the right syllable in multi-syllable words.
- ✗ Ignoring intonation patterns in questions.

QUICK RECAP

Pronunciation is essential for clear communication in reading. Focus on sounds, stress, and intonation to improve your skills. Practice regularly to avoid common mistakes.