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What is Pronunciation

Mastering Pronunciation: The Key to Clear Communication!

DEFINITION

> Pronunciation is how we say words correctly. It involves the sounds, stress, and intonation we use.

KEY CONCEPTS

Sounds

These are the basic units of speech that make up words.

Stress

This refers to emphasizing certain syllables in a word to convey meaning.

Intonation

The rise and fall of our voice when speaking, which can change the meaning.

Phonetics

The study of sounds in human speech and how they are produced.

Articulation

How we physically produce sounds using our mouth, tongue, and lips.

EXAMPLES

- → Saying 'cat' with a clear 'k' sound.
- → Emphasizing the first syllable in 'banana'.
- → Using a rising tone at the end of a question.

MEMORY TIPS

- ★ Think of 'stress' as the 'power' in a word.
- ★ Use hand gestures to remember intonation patterns.
- ★ Visualize mouth movements for different sounds.

COMMON MISTAKES

- ✗ Mixing up similar sounds, like 'b' and 'p'.
- ✗ Not stressing the correct syllable in multi-syllable words.
- ✗ Ignoring intonation changes in questions.

QUICK RECAP

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