
A RESOURCE BOOK

for Teaching English

PRONUNCIATION

Designed for Adult ESL Students



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Introduction

If you have a passion for teaching English and looking for comprehensive resources that will give you the freedom to use your own style, this is the book for you. This book contains valuable resource material that you can use to substitute or enhance your own lesson plans.

This is NOT a book that will teach you how to produce the “L” sound, because you already know how to produce the “L” sound, as well as all other English sounds you are teaching. Some books will try to teach you how to teach pronunciation, this is NOT that book.

Instead, what my book will do is come alongside you and help you teach pronunciation by providing you with 26 detailed, engaging, stand-alone units you can use as a resource. Pronunciation is more about confidence and helping your students feel comfortable with the target language, and this book can help you help your students accomplish that.

I have taught in Japan for over 10 years. During that time, I have developed the materials in this book and compiled them here for you. I am not going to teach you how to use these materials or how to teach - you already know how to do that. I developed these materials with you and your students in mind so that you have what you need for your class. Every teacher has their own approach and style that can make the material come alive for their students. You are the teacher, so you can determine your method of delivery with these materials. They are designed to help you deliver your lessons with ease.

Each of the 26 units focuses on a specific target sound. Each one contains over 100 simple words so that students can focus on the target sound and you do not have to spend copious amounts of time explaining the vocabulary. In each unit, there are also short sentences and phrases that are easy to use when practicing. More time is spent “practicing” versus “learning”. Practicing is the key to these units and it will give your students an advantage in their English-learning journey. After all, practice makes perfect.

Whether you teach group lessons or private lessons, you will find enough information in each unit to cover one, or even two, 1-hour classes. If you would like a printable or editable version of this book so that you can hand out sheets to your students, you can contact me through my website at simpleenglishjp.com

As you know, pronunciation is much more than where the speaker “places their tongue” to make the sound. Instead, pronunciation is about helping your students develop listening skills and grow in confidence when interacting with the target language. Pronunciation works to enhance and expedite the learning process. Most of all, it can be a lot of fun and very engaging for the students. With pleasant and entertaining material, your students will look forward to practicing their pronunciation between classes, putting them further down the road.

It is my sincere wish that you find the materials in this book helpful for you, your school, and your students. Teaching is not just a job, but a passion. These units will give you the freedom to make them come alive through your own unique expression.

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B - Pronunciation Practice

B Words

B__	__B__	__B
blue	baby	scrub
bus	robot	tube
bath	Barbie	light bulb
bowl	cowboy	crab
big	Bobby	cube
broom	rabbit	web
bike	ribbon	globe
book	robin	job
bag	elbow	corn on the cob
ball	marble	crib
boy	label	Rob
back	Abby	tub
bell	table	rub
bake	bubble	bib

B Sentences

The man rode his bike back from work.

The bird took a bath in the bowl outside.

The girl had a big book, a small ball, and a bell in her bag.

The strange young boy brought a broom on the bus with him.

The parents named their new baby boy 'Bobby'.

She bought a Barbie and Cowboy doll at the toy store.

I placed all the labels and envelopes on the table.

Abby broke her brother's robot when she hit it with her elbow.

Rob ate corn on the cob every day.

When you sit in the tub, don't forget to rub and scrub.

I want a job working on the web with people around the globe.

He bought a crib, a cube, and a bib for the baby.

90 more B Words

B__	_B_	__B
bean	labeled	lab
bedroom	debris	pub
bold	obey	country club
bookshelf	October	jab
bedtime	cabin	celeb
berries	cupboard	corncob
boss	neighbor	describe
baseball	about	bathtub
belt	blackberry	back rub
bone	remember	kabob
backup	above	shrub
bacon	maybe	flub
busy	cable	adverb
basket	urban	superb
band	abuse	absorb
balloons	album	ear lobe
begin	hobby	doorknob
both	noble	sand crab
before	toy boat	wardrobe
bee	mailbox	cub
bed	lobby	grab
baby	nearby	ice cube
boat	habit	flashbulb
buddy	member	proverb
body	candy bar	bathrobe
bird	debate	book club
biscuit	cobweb	taxicab
birthday	anybody	blurb
because	fiber	slab
badge	neighborhood	sob

Longer B Words (just for fun)

Do you know them all?		
biology	peek-a-boo	baking powder
banana	blended coffee	disability
becoming	spider web	cotton swab
battery	observation	buffalo
Baltimore	above ground	beneficial
beverage	habitat	bubble gum
benefit	submarine captain	obituary
bologna	giant crab	biography
biologist	Alabama	photo lab
bacteria	inner tube	blueberries
behavior	nobody	bus station
baking soda	alphabet	bubble bath
bakery	hibernate	buttermilk
beginner	writing lab	bicycle

Speaking Practice (B Phrases)

B__	__B__	__B
little boy	late October	bear cub
race bike	Barbie doll	turn off the bulb
hungry bear	log cabin	big spider web
comfortable bed	cute rabbit	get a job
big boat	bad habit	beautiful baby crib
red bag	crying baby	yellow taxi cab
honey bee	angry robot	back rub
old book	coffee table	frozen ice cubes
dribble the ball	bubble bath	scrub the floor

Sentences with a B sound.

I see a cute rabbit in the yard.

You need to wash the baby's bib.

The bear cub followed his mom.

I will rub the lotion on my back at the beach.

I want to buy him a robot for his birthday.

I got a wireless keyboard at the store.

I can't wear my cowboy hat in the taxi cab.

The golf ball flew above the crowd.

You need to scrub the bathroom floor.

The only things in the mailbox are bills.

You need to turn the knob to lock the back door.

A story with B sounds.

My sister Amber loves bacon. One morning in late October, she took the bus to her favorite restaurant to eat breakfast. She sat down in her favorite booth and ordered her breakfast. She ordered biscuits and gravy with a side of bacon. She also ordered some buttermilk pancakes with butter and some blueberry syrup.

When she was eating, a nice old man with a big long beard began to talk to her. He said he was from Baltimore and he didn't know what to order. He asked about the bacon and buttermilk pancakes. Amber said they were delicious for breakfast. So he ordered everything besides the biscuits.

They both began to eat their beautiful breakfasts together.

Time for more fun...

Minimal Pairs - try to master these.

[illegible]

That was 1 unit of 33.

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