

Date: 29th June-2025

THE ROLE AND CHARACTERISTICS OF PRONUNCIATION IN LEARNING ENGLISH

Baxtiyorova Nodira Firuz qizi

English teacher of Karmana district Polytechnic No2

Abstract: This article explains why pronunciation is very important in learning English. It describes the main features of English pronunciation and why some sounds are difficult for learners. The article also shows how good pronunciation helps people understand each other clearly. In addition, it shares ideas and methods teachers can use to help students improve their pronunciation skills.

Keywords: Pronunciation, English learning, Speaking skills, Clear communication, Phonetics, Accent, Language teaching

Pronunciation is one of the most important parts of learning English. When people speak, pronunciation shows how words should sound. Good pronunciation helps learners communicate clearly and be understood by others. Even if a person knows many words and grammar rules, poor pronunciation can cause confusion and make communication difficult.

English pronunciation has some special features that can be hard for learners. For example, English has many vowel sounds, and some sounds like **th** (/θ/ and /ð/) are not common in other languages. Also, English words often change when people speak fast, because of linking sounds and stress patterns. These things can make it challenging for learners to pronounce words correctly. Pronunciation is not only about saying sounds correctly. It also includes using the right stress and intonation to show meaning and emotion. When learners have clear pronunciation, they feel more confident in speaking and are less afraid of making mistakes.

Many factors affect pronunciation learning. A learner's first language can influence which sounds are easy or hard to produce. Regular listening to native speakers, practicing speaking, and using modern tools like audio recordings and apps can all help improve pronunciation. This article will discuss why pronunciation matters so much in learning English. It will also share simple methods and tips that can help learners speak more clearly and naturally.

Pronunciation is important for several reasons. First, it helps people understand what you are saying. If you pronounce words clearly, listeners can easily follow your message. This is very important in conversations, meetings, and presentations. Good pronunciation also shows respect for the language and the people you are speaking with. One reason English pronunciation can be difficult is that it has many sounds that are not used in other languages. For example, the **th** sounds in *think* and *this* are hard for many learners. English also has long and short vowel sounds that can change the meaning of



Date: 29th June-2025

words, like *ship* and *sheep*. Learners must listen carefully and practice often to hear and say these differences correctly.

Another important part of pronunciation is word stress. In English, some syllables are stressed more than others. For example, in the word *computer*, we stress the second syllable: com-PU-ter. If you put the stress on the wrong part of the word, it can be harder for people to understand you. Intonation, which is the rise and fall of the voice, also shows emotions and meaning in a sentence. For example, your voice goes up at the end of a question.

Many things can help learners improve their pronunciation. Listening to native speakers is very useful. Watching movies, listening to podcasts, or speaking with English speakers gives learners examples of natural speech. Repeating words and sentences out loud helps practice the sounds and rhythm. Teachers can use special exercises and games to make pronunciation practice fun. New technology, like language learning apps and speech recognition software, can also give learners feedback on their pronunciation. It is important to remember that having an accent is normal. The goal is not always to sound like a native speaker, but to be clear and easy to understand. With time and practice, everyone can improve their pronunciation and feel more confident when speaking English.

In conclusion, pronunciation is a key part of learning English. It helps learners communicate clearly and feel more confident. English has many unique sounds and patterns that can be difficult, but with practice and good learning tools, students can improve step by step. Teachers, resources, and technology all play an important role in helping learners develop clear and natural pronunciation. By focusing on pronunciation, learners will find it easier to understand others and be understood themselves. This not only improves speaking skills but also builds stronger connections with people around the world.

REFERENCES:

1. Celce-Murcia, M., Brinton, D. M., & Goodwin, J. M. (2010). *Teaching Pronunciation: A Course Book and Reference Guide* (2nd ed.). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
2. Gilbert, J. B. (2008). *Teaching Pronunciation: Using the Prosody Pyramid*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
3. Kelly, G. (2000). *How to Teach Pronunciation*. Harlow: Longman.
4. Roach, P. (2009). *English Phonetics and Phonology* (4th ed.). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
5. Underhill, A. (2005). *Sound Foundations: Learning and Teaching Pronunciation* (2nd ed.). Oxford: Macmillan Education.
6. Setter, J., & Jenkins, J. (2005). *Pronunciation*. In A. C. Fang & R. K. Atwell (Eds.), *The Handbook of English Linguistics*. Oxford: Blackwell.
7. Derwing, T. M., & Munro, M. J. (2005). Second language accent and pronunciation teaching: A research-based approach. *TESOL Quarterly*, 39(3), 379–397.

