**Pronunciation Word Lists**

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1. **thistle** (allow a pause and then repeat with me)
Be careful not to step on the thistle.

2. **crisps**
Potato chips are called crisps in England.

3. **should**
You should not pronounce the l when you say the word should.

4. **would**
Would and wood sound the same when you say them out loud.

5. **clothes**
Put on warm clothes before you head outside today.

6. **order**
The order of these words is not important.

7. **murder**
A man was charged with murder over the holidays.

8. **air**
The air is so cold you can see your breath.

9. **literature**
You can download classic literature for free online.

10. **language**
English is a difficult language to learn.

11. **onomatopoeia**
Onomatopoeia refers to words that sound like their meaning.

12. **deterioration**
It is difficult to watch the deterioration of a friend’s health.

13. **little**
If you practise, your English will improve little by little.

14. **assailant**
The assailant was caught by the police.

15. **catastrophic**
A catastrophic earthquake struck the centre of the city.

16. **alter**
Don’t alter your plans just because I can’t go.

17. **exclamation**
One exclamation mark is enough to get your point across.

18. **crocodile**
Captain Hook was petrified of the crocodile in the movie Peter Pan.

19. **unfortunate**
It is unfortunate that the weather has delayed our trip.

20. **six**
Six plus six equal twelve, which is also known as a dozen.

21. **development**
The development of new technology has allowed us to receive information very quickly.

22. **decision**
It wasn’t my decision to have a picnic in the rain.

23. **ambulance**
When you hear an ambulance you must pull over to the side of the road.

24. **law**
The law states that residents must clear their sidewalk when it snows.

25. **low**
If you bend down low, you will see where the children are hiding.

**Pronunciation note:** I have a Canadian accent. This is similar to an American accent. Your teacher may have a different accent, such as a British one.

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Write the phonetic symbol for each -ed verb ending. 1 and 3 have been done for you.

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**Reading practice**:When Bond arrived at the renovated Château, darkness had descended. He examined the shadowy building. Its ground-floor windows were closed and shuttered. He glanced at his watch. He concluded that there was no time to lose and decided to enter. He tried the gold-leafed front door but it was locked, barred and bolted. He realized he needed a ladder. He looked around and noticed one on the grass. Noiselessly, he propped it up against the freshly-painted balcony and started to climb. He had nearly reached the top when he spotted headlights approaching. A large car pulled in through the gate. By the time it arrived at the door, Bond had already jumped through the balcony window and discovered the cause of his anxiety. |