**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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