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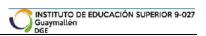


# Practice Resources for

# ENGLISH PHONETICS & PHONOLOGY 3

Booklet of class practices

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# **Preface**

This short booklet for phonetics and phonology practices is intended to complement and support the practice material included in the course in Phonetics and Phonology 3, at the Teaching Training Programme at IES 9-027 "Guaymallén". The selection of practices also included some basic concept of the fundaments of pronunciation, like sounds, sounds combination and sound processes like weak and strong forms.

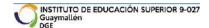
The selection of practices was taken for original material for phonetics and phonology practices including renown names like O'Connor and Fletcher, one on the big names in the pronunciation field. Also, the selected practice material includes notes and practice exercises from Handcock, Handcraft and Bowler and Perminter. The short and concise theory support and refreshment notes include excepts from Roach and Wells.

This booklet for practices is organised in the following. An introduction that revisits the most relevant concepts in pronunciation like sounds and sounds of speech, phonetics, phonology, some notions of stress in words and phrases, and a short practice on weak and strong forms of words. The key practice area is focused on the area of intonation. The user may find some key notions of the concept, and short comments on tonality, tonicity and tones.

The practice booklet exercises are accompanied by the audio files corresponding to each exercise. Those are available in the original bibliography and corresponding editions. You find the information in the reference section.

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# Revision of previous contents

In this section, some revision of terms is done. Let's have a look at the sounds of English

# Part 1 - The English speech sounds

It is important to establish the difference between sounds, sounds of speech and letters of the alphabet in English. We need to keep clear in mind that in English there is practically no connection between the letters or graphs

The English language contains speech sounds that may result difficult to articulate for some learners. It is necessary to remember and practice them

In English, there are 44 phonemes that make up the language, which include: (1i)

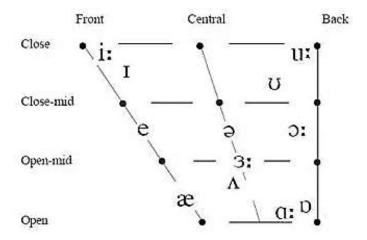
- **19 consonants**: These are the basic sounds that form the consonant letters.
- 5 long vowels: These are vowel sounds that are pronounced longer than their short counterparts.
- **5 short vowels**: These are the basic vowel sounds.
- 7 digraphs: Combinations of two letters that create one sound (e.g., "sh", "ch").
- 2 diphthongs: Complex vowel sounds that begin with one vowel sound and glide into another.
  - Search the web
     For a more interactive experience, you can explore the Interactive Phonemic Chart which contains all 44 sounds used in spoken Br itish English. Additionally, resources like LanguageUK provide audio examples to help with pronunciation.

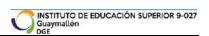
## The sounds chart

The sounds chart is a pronunciation tool that help us to refresh the position of each sound of speech in English. Taking it with us in every single activity will allow us to think about each sound by considering

# FOR ENGLISH VOWEL SOUNDS (2i)

- Lip position
- Part of the tongue raised
- Sounds length
- Openness and closeness





# FOR ENGLISH CONSONANT SOUNDS (3i)

- Point of articulation → refers to the way the articulators interact
- Manner of articulation → according to the way in which the air is released from the body
- Voice or voiceless → in relation to the vibration of the vocal folds or cords

	Part Land	Bitabiai	Labio-	dental		Dental		Alveolar	Palato- alveolar	(Post-	-	Palata	Value	Vetar	1	Giorda
Unvoiced (-V) Voiced (+V)	-v	+V	-v	+V	-v	+V	-v	+V	-v	+V	-v	+V	-v	+V	-v	+V
Stops (Plosives)	р	b					t	d					k	g	71	
Fricatives			f	v	θ	ð	s	z	ı	3					h	
Affricates									tſ	dз		- (				
Nasals		m						n						ŋ		
Lateral (approximant)								1								
Approximant		M <sub>S</sub>						r				j		MS		

• Search the web

https://www.learnenglishsounds.com/en/consonants

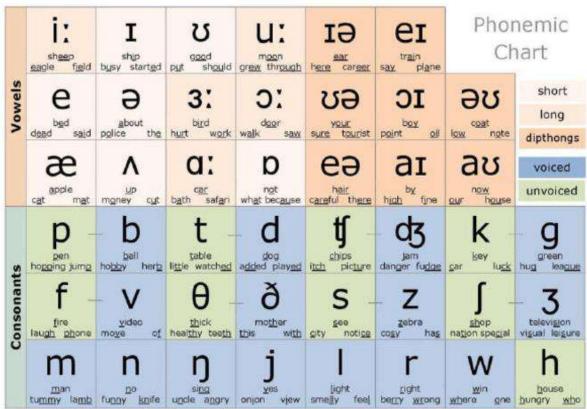
# • Video support



English for Beginners: Learn all the CONSONANT SOUNDS (1v)



## **ENGLISH SOUNDS CHART (4i)**



The 44 phonemes of Standard British English with examples of common spellings

edepted by AlbaEnglish.co.u

# **Phonetics and Phonology**

Phonetics and phonology are two essential branches of linguistics that study the sounds of human language.

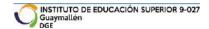
**PHONETICS** focuses on the physical properties of speech sounds, including their production, articulation, and acoustic characteristics. It examines how sounds are made using the vocal tract and how they are perceived by the human ear.

**PHONOLOGY** on the other hand, is concerned with the abstract and mental representations of sounds in language.

It investigates the patterns and rules that govern the organization and distribution of sounds within a particular language or languages. While phonetics is more concerned with the physical aspects of speech sounds, phonology delves into the underlying structures and rules that shape the sounds of language.

# Resource

https://thisvsthat.io/phonetics-vs-phonology



# Section 1 – the ENGLISH SPEECH SOUNDS

# Practice #1

# Check the fax number

The sound /a/ is always spelt with a. The sound /a/ is never spelt with a but often with a or with a.

► Listen and repeat. kettle cattle bag beg pen ban paddle pedal man men ▶ Look at the picture. Listen and give the correct answer after the tone. Where's the Where's the Where's the Where's the Where's the b Listen and answer yes or no after the tone. Look at the field. Can you see the in the field? Can you see the Look at the cooker. Should the be on the cooker? on the cooker? Can you see the be on the cooker? Should the\_  $\triangleleft$  Do 2 again and write in the missing word. .

▶ Listen and repeat. hat hut cut match much luck lack love sand sun son beg bag bug pen pan pun send sand sunned pedal paddle puddle Do 3a again, without looking at the text. Note /e/in

'many', 'any

- ▶ Listen and say the phrases after the tone.
- At lunchtime, there was a mad rush for the best-selling sandwiches.
- 2 | Many of my best friends didn't have any.
- 3 Don't forget to check the text of the fax. And the fax number.
- Do 4 again, speaking more confidently.

# Rewind and repeat the sentences. 4 London buses and taxis stuck in West-End

▶ Listen and underline the correct word.

You'd better bandage that cat/cut.

He's really hurt his ankle/uncle.

What a funny hat/hut.

I'll hide it in the hat/hut.

That's a nasty cat/cut.

Look at my ankle/uncle.

traffic jam.

- 5 A Massive tax cuts for companies expected.... after the next elections.
- 6 Travellers in trouble as tunnel plans collapse.

# Resource

English Aloud op. cit Unit 3, p. 10



# Letters into sounds

Generally, a stressed vowel-sound should be long in an open syllable and short in a closed syllable.





Practice #2

▶ Listen and repeat.

a may mat mate matter

be bet Pete better

no not note bottom

cue cut cute cutting

fields

i hi hit hide hidden



a ► Listen and write the missing words.

beds

than paper

The doubled consonant in verbs

makes the pronunciation of the vowel stay

the same.

and adjectives

b Listen and say the phrases after the tone.

J patients in ambulances J secret messages

silent millions I focus on doctors I fumes in tunnels

# The r-effect

cops and

Vowels before a silent 'r' have a special pronunciation.

a ▶ Listen and repeat.

cat Kate car care carry

pet Pete her here ferry

sit site sir admire mirror

stock stoke storm store worm worry

fun fuse fur pure curry b Listen and say the phrases after the tone.

J The worst church fire.

→ Car hire firm performed perfect murder.

Not prepared to interfere with squirrels in the park.

Worrying about the error of marrying in a hurry.

Tired of hearing any more boring stories.

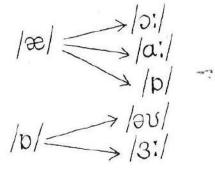


# The effect of w, I, s, f on a and on o

a ▶ Listen and repeat.

cat call chat chalk band bald sat saw fat fast pot poll fog folk got gold lot low hot host ash wash arm warm gallows swallows gas glass staff craft half bath calm dance

- b ► Listen and say the phrases after the tone.
  - J ghostly laughter J masked ball
  - Jalse warnings Juntold disasters
  - strolling, wandering, advancing slowly
  - crabs and prawns in shallow water
  - Do 4 again.



# Resource

English Aloud op. cit Unit 14, p. 21

Elision: Between

certain consonants,



# Lost consonants

In normal rapid conversation, certain consonants are often dropped or adapted. This will happen naturally when you say the words together quickly.

a ► Listen and tick (✓) when you hear the underlined t. first class next week last year most people half past seven half past eight must cost a lot costs almost nothing

I Want a taste? Tastes delicious.

- ⊲ Rewind and repeat
- b ► Listen and tick (✓) when you hear the underlined d. one pound of butter two pounds of sugar Put your hand up. Hands up. it depends tends to be cold
- 5 a kind of diamond different kinds of friends
  - Rewind and repeat the sentences.
- a ▶ Listen and say the words after the tone.
  - artists tourists contacts products
  - contracts contacts projects products
  - I first steps next station last stop
  - in England and Scotland, Finland and Lapland
- b Listen and say the opposite after the tone.

The longest day

The shortest day.

The most awful place

The most wonderful place.

The most uncomfortable bed

The most comfortable bed.

The cheapest hotel

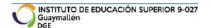
The most expensive hotel.

# Resource

English Aloud op. cit Unit 25, p. 31



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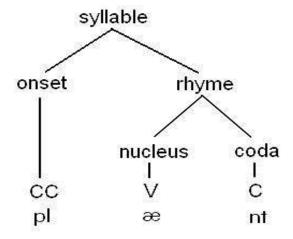


# Part 2 - The English Syllable

The syllable is a very important unit. Most people seem to believe that, even if they cannot define what a syllable is, they can count how many syllables there are in a given word or sentence. If they are asked to do this they often tap their finger as they count, which illustrates the syllable's importance in the rhythm of speech. As a matter of fact, if one tries the experiment of asking English speakers to count the syllables in, say, a tape-recorded sentence, there is often a considerable amount of disagreement.

Roach (1998:67)

# The structure of the syllable in English

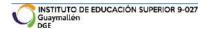


The English syllable (6)

# Video support



Syllables - English Pronunciation | What is a syllable? (2v)



## Section2 - THE ENGLISH SYLLABLE

# Practice #4-

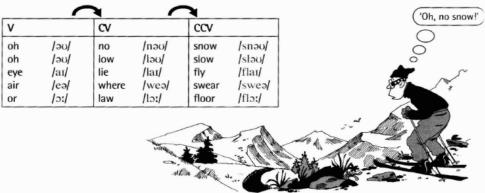


# Oh, no snow!

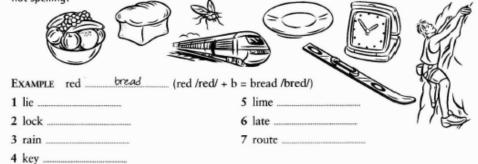
# Consonants at the start of syllables

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Some one-syllable words are just a single vowel sound (V), for example *oh* and *eye*. If we add one or more consonant sounds (C) to the beginnings of these words, they are still only one syllable. Look at these examples.



24.1 Add one C to the start of each word to make a new word in the pictures. Be careful: think of sounds, not spelling!



24.2 Add one of the sounds from the box after the consonant at the start of these words to make other words. Think of sounds, not spelling!

/k/ /l/ /r/	[p] [t]
Example diedry	
1 back	6 pay
2 fight	7 two
3 fat	8 say
4 go	9 sin
5 pain	10 send
Listen and circle the word you hear.	
1 The glass / gas is green.	5 The dirt came off in the steam / stream.
2 I don't want to play / pay.	6 She didn't want to stay / say.
3 It was a terrible fight / fright!	7 The pain / plane went down.

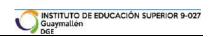
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24.3 B18

Handcock, M. (2003) op. cit. p. 56

4 The tooth / truth is out!

8 I can't sell / smell anything.



# Go – goal – gold Consonants at the end of syllables

25.1		of each word to make a new word. Be careful: think of lif you remove the last sound from went /went/, you get
	EXAMPLE went when	
	1 field 4 build	7 guest
	2 change 5 shelf	8 wild
	3 six 6 wealth	
25.2	Read the conversation and underline the w	ords which end with two consonant sounds.
	A: OK, first question. What's the eighth B: It's August.	
	A: Correct! Second question. What's the B: Mount Everest.	highest mountain on Earth?
	A: Correct again! Mount Everest! Next Which city is furthest east in Europe:	
	B: Is it Budapest, or perhaps Brussels?	
		tion. What's the biggest land animal in the world?
	B: The elephant.	
	A: Very good! Three out at tour correct	that's seventy five percent!
	A: Very good! Three out of four correct,	1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 -
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## Resource

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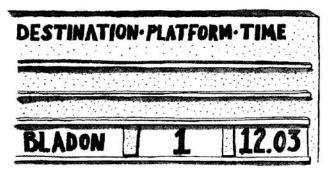


## PRACTICE #6

### **Consonant clusters**

TASK 1 Say clusters with /p, b, t, d, k, g/ followed by /w, r, l, j/

1.1 Listen, and repeat.





- A: The train for Bladon leaves from Platform 1.
- B: Meet me under the clock.

Now make similar conversations about these places.

# 2.2 Quiz. Which English words, beginning with 's', are defined like this?

- 1 a place where children go to study
- 2 to slide over ice, wearing a blade under your foot
- 3 to slide over snow, wearing a long strip of metal under your foot
- 4 frozen water vapour
- 5 to rest, unconscious, with the eyes closed
- 6 a thin, flat piece of e.g. bread
- 7 a country situated to the north of England

If you need help, look at the words on the next page.

# 1.3 Listen, and practise these conversations.

- A: I've got a job with the BBC.
- B: The British Broadcasting Corporation?
- A: No, the Brighton Brush Company.
- A: I didn't sleep very well last night.
- B: Was your brain full of brilliant ideas?
- A: No, there were breadcrumbs in the blankets.

# TASK 2 Say clusters beginning with /s/

# 2.1 Listen, and practise describing these problems.

I was stung on the wrist by a wasp. I screamed.
I slipped down the steps and sprained my ankle.
We had a puncture, and our spare wheel was flat.
I stretched up to shut a window, and strained myself.
A thief snatched my bag in the street.

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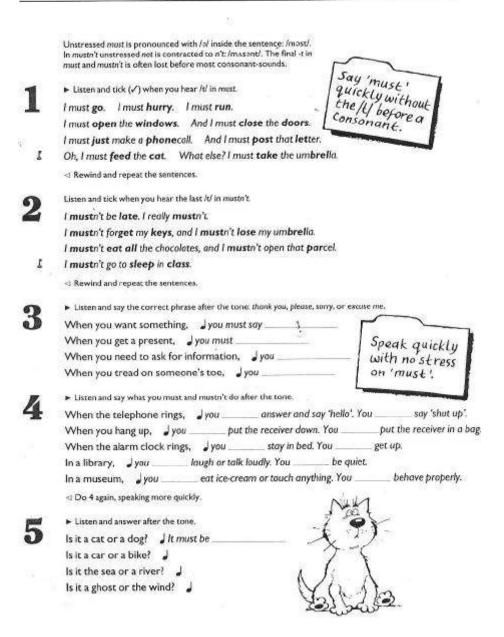
O' Connor & Fletcher (1998) op.cit p. 79-80



# Practice #7 Weak and strong forms

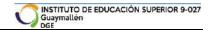
# Musts and mustn'ts

WEAK FORMS



## Resource

English Aloud op. cit Unit 5, p. 12



# Weak and strong forms

# The crystal ball

WEAK FORMS

Most auxiliary verbs are contracted when unstressed inside the sentence. Will becomes 'II, pronounced /t/ ('dark' I).

1

▶ Listen and repeat.

l'Il go. He'll go. She'll go. We'll all go. You'll always be welcome. Someone'll call. Something'll happen. It'll always be all right.

What'll they do? How long'll it last?

Do I again, linking the words as indicated.

It's easier if you link the words.

ODO I again, linking the words as indic

2

► Listen and take the Fortune-teller's part after the tone. b ► Listen and take the Fortune-teller's part after the tone.

CLIENT A: Can you see anything? FORTUNE-TELLER: J You'll become rich.

CLIENT A: Lovely!

FORTUNE-TELLER: J But you'll also have problems.

CLIENT A: Oh!

FORTUNE-TELLER: You'll have an accident.

CLIENT A: Oh no!

FORTUNE-TELLER: But in hospital you'll meet the love of your life.

CLIENT A: Really?

FORTUNE-TELLER: And you'll have eighteen children.

CLIENT A: Eighteen!

Someone'll go to the planet Mars.

CLIENT B: Great!

FORTUNE-TELLER: J But, I think something'll happen to the space-craft.

CLIENT B: What?

FORTUNE-TELLER: | It'll crash land on Venus.

CLIENT B: Will it be all right?

FORTUNE-TELLER: Yes, it'll all end well.

a ► Listen and repeat.

little bottle it'll what'll bottle what'll little it'll what'll it do it'll open

b Listen and answer after the tone.

What'll it be like tomorrow? It'll be sunny, but it'll also be quite cold.

And the day after tomorrow? J First it'll rain. Then it'll clear up.

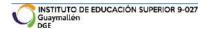
What'll it be like at the weekend? JOn Saturday it'll be cloudy and very cold and on Sunday it'll probably snow.

4

- ▶ Listen and take B's part after the tone.
- A: What'll happen? B: J'm sure inflation will rise and unemployment will continue.
- A: How'll we manage? B: JOh, we'll always manage. Trade will never stop. Tourism will increase. And the leisure business will flourish.

# Resource

English Aloud op. cit Unit 23, p. 30



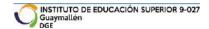
# Part 3- Stress in words and phrases

We all know about the concept of stress in English. Roach (1998) says that the most important characteristic of a stressed syllable and that is given by 4 (four) features: pitch hight, length, loudness and vowel quality. So, what makes a syllable prominent? At least four factors are important

- i) Most people seem to feel that stressed syllables are louder than unstressed; in other words, loudness is a component of prominence. In a sequence of identical syllables (e.g. ba:ba:ba:ba:), if one syllable is made louder than the others, it will be heard as stressed. However, it is important to realise that it is very difficult for a speaker to make a syllable louder without changing other characteristics of the syllable such as those explained below (ii-iv); if one literally changes only the loudness, the perceptual effect is not very strong.
- ii) The length of syllables has an important part to play in prominence. If one of the syllables in our "nonsense word" ba:ba:ba:ba: is made longer than the others, there is quite a strong tendency for that syllable to be heard as stressed.
- iii) Every syllable is said on some pitch; pitch in speech is closely related to the frequency of vibration of the vocal folds and to the musical notion of low- and high-pitched notes. It is essentially a perceptual characteristic of speech. If one syllable of our "nonsense word" is said with a pitch that is noticeably different from that of the others, this will have a strong tendency to produce the effect of prominence. For example, if all syllables are said with low pitch except for one said with high pitch, then the high-pitched syllable will be heard as stressed and the others as unstressed. To place some movement of pitch (e.g. rising or falling) on a syllable is even more effective.
- iv) A syllable will tend to be prominent if it contains a vowel that is different in quality from neighbouring vowels. If we change one of the vowels in our "nonsense word" (e.g. ba:bi:ba:ba:) the "odd" syllable bi: will tend to be heard as stressed. This effect is not very powerful nor very important, but there is one particular way in which it is relevant in English: the previous chapter explained how the most frequently encountered vowels in weak syllables are 1, 0 and 0 (syllabic consonants are also quite common). We can look on stressed syllables as occurring against a "background" of these weak syllables, so that their prominence is increased by contrast with these background qualities.



WHAT IS STRESS? In linguistics, **stress** is the relative emphasis that may be given to certain syllables in a word.



Kelly (2000) also helps to define strass in English from the absence of those features

# What is unstress?

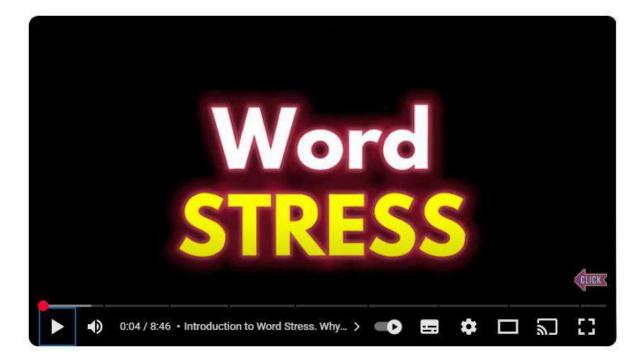
In order for one syllable to be perceived as stressed, the syllables around it need to be unstressed. For stressed syllables, three features were identified: loudness, pitch change and a longer syllable. Unstress may be described as the absence of these.

Have another look at the groups of words in the previous table. In the word *syllabus*, we said that the first syllable was stressed. This logically implies that the final two are unstressed. Also, in the word *banana*, the first and third syllables are unstressed, and the middle one is stressed. The same applies to the other words in the table.

The idea, as we will see later, is a little simplified here, but the basic contrast between stressed and unstressed syllables is a useful concept to hold on to, and for many classroom situations, this level of detail is enough to help students towards more successful pronunciation.

Ooo	оОо	000
SYLl <u>a</u> b <u>u</u> s	enGAGEm <u>e</u> nt	ush <u>e</u> RETTE
SUBstitute	b <u>a</u> NAn <u>a</u>	kang <u>a</u> ROO
TECHnic <u>a</u> l	ph <u>o</u> NETic	und <u>e</u> rSTAND

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# REcord, reCORD Stress in two-syllable words



Many two-syllable words come from a one-syllable word. For example, the word *artist* comes from the word *art*, and the word *remove* comes from the word *move*. In these two-syllable words, the stress is on the syllable of the original word:

artist = Oo (stress on the first syllable) remove = oO (stress on the second syllable)

Here are some more examples.

nouns and adjectives Oo	verbs oO	
art – artist	move – remove	
drive – driver	like – dislike	
friend - friendly	build - rebuild	
fame – famous	come – become	

28.1	words to fill	ord in (brackets) into a verb beginning with 'r' and a noun ending with 'r' and use the the gaps. Then say the sentences. Take care to use the correct stress patterns for the gaps: Oo for the nouns and oO for the verbs. Listen and check.
	EXAMPLE (build)	I asked the <u>builder</u> to <u>rebuild</u> the wall.
	1 (act)	How did you when you saw the coming in?
	2 (write)	The decided to the whole book.
	3 (paint)	The tried to this part of the picture.
	4 (print)	We asked the to the whole document.
	5 (view)	The will be able to this programme tomorrow.
	6 (play)	They had to the match after a was hurt.
28.2		ircle the word with a different stress pattern from the others.  money machine mountain message
	1 answer 2 middle 3 compare 4 garden	agree allow attract 5 complete common careful crazy minute mission mistake 6 pronounce provide promise prefer correct copy collect 7 shampoo shoulder shower shopping



28.3	Read the sentences and decide what stress pattern the words in <b>bold</b> have. Then listen, check and repeat.
	Example I got my first record as a present when I was eleven.  record = Oo present = Oo
	1 You've progressed well this year, but I'd like to see even more progress.  progressed = progress =
	2 We import too much petrol and the country's export figures are going down.  import = export =
	3 It started as a student protest, but now the army has rebelled against the government.  protest = rebelled =
	4 In the desert, there is a big contrast between temperatures in the day and at night.  desert = contrast =
	5 These companies produce household objects such as fridges and washing machines.  produce = objects =

# Second hand, bookshop Stress in compound words

Compound words are made from two smaller words put together, for example book + shop = bookshop. (They are not always written as one word, for example shoe shop.) In most compound words, the stress is on the first part. For example, the word bookshop has two syllables and the stress is on the first syllable. Listen to these examples.



bookshop, bus stop, footpath, airport, shoe shop, road sign, car park, bedroom traffic light, bus station, sunglasses, boarding card, window seat, check-in desk Oooo travel agent, art gallery, supermarket, tape recorder, photocopy

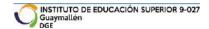


Note: If the first part of the compound word is an adjective, there may be stress on the second part too, for example 00 double room.



Note: There may be stress on the second part of a compound noun when:

- the object in the second part is made out of the material in the first, for example 00 glass jar,
- the first part tells us where the second part is, for example 00 car door.



29.1 Listen. Write the words in bold in the correct columns.



There's a good shopping centre. You can find almost anything there. There are bookshops, shoe shops, a travel agent's, a post office, a hairdresser's, a supermarket, everything... and there are a few snack bars if you want a hamburger or something. Oh, and there's a sports centre too, with a swimming pool and a playground for the kids. But be careful with your handbag; I had my credit card stolen there once!

Oo	000	0000	
bookshops	anything	shopping centre	

Follow up: Record yourself saying the text. Make sure you put the stress in the correct place.

29.2 Listen. In each sentence, one of the compound words (in bold) has stress on the first part (Oo) and the B45 other has stress on the second part too (00). Circle the word if there is stress on the second part too.

EXAMPLE They did the photocopies overnight.

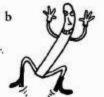
- 1 I got this motorbike second hand.
- 2 Using a typewriter is so old fashioned.
- 3 These earrings were hand made.
- 4 I'm short-sighted, like my grandmother.
- 5 All the sunglasses are half price.
- 6 The waiting room is for first class only.

29.3 Listen. Which thing is the speaker asking about? Put a tick (1) next to it and say Yes, I have or No, I haven't. Give a true answer!



EXAMPLE Have you ever seen a ski jump? No, I haven't/

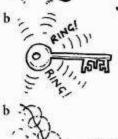








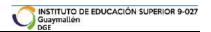












# Unforgettable Stress in longer words 1



We can build longer words by adding parts to the beginning or end of shorter words. Usually, this does not change the stress: it stays on the same syllable as in the original word. Look at the example below.

	for	get		
	for	get	ful	
	for	get	ful	ness
	for	gett	а	ble
un	for	gett	а	ble

Here are is a list of beginnings and endings which do not change the stress of the shorter word:

-able (drinkable)

in-/im- (impossible)

-ness (happiness)

-al (musical)

-ise (civilise)

-ship (friendship)

-er (player)

-ish (childish)

un- (unhappy)

-ful (helpful) -hood (childhood) -less (childless) -ly (friendly)

under- (underpay)

-ing (boring)

-ment (employment)



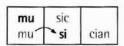
Some endings do change the stress in the shorter word. Look how the ending -ion changes the stress in the word educate.

ed	u	cate	
ed	u	ca	tion

When we add the endings -ion or -ian, the stress always moves to the syllable before these endings. Here are some more examples.

e	lec	tric	
e	lec	tri	cian

dec	0	rate	
dec	0	ra	tion



		_	_	
co	mmu	ni	cate	
co	mmu	ni	ca	tion



Note: -tion and -cian are pronounced /fan/.

scientist

The ending -ic also moves the stress to the syllable before it. Listen to these examples. scientific

economy

eco**nom**ic

atom artist

atomic artistic

Note: When a syllable changes from unstressed to stressed, or stressed to unstressed, the vowel sound often changes. For example the letter O in atom is pronounced /o/, but in atomic, it is pronounced /o/; the A in atom is pronounced /x, but in atomic it is /x.



Note: The ending -al does not change the stress of the word (see A above), so, for example, the stress is on the same syllable in these two words: economic economical.



# Exercises

Use the beginnings and endings in A opposite to make longer words from the words below. List and check if you get the same words as on the recording. Then listen again and repeat.			
Example child	childhood, childish, childishn	ess, childless	
1 believe			
2 enjoy			
3 care			
Write the w	ords from the box in the correct pa	art of the table according to the stress pattern.	
populat commun pessimis	ication pronunciation	nation identification relation scientific clinic romantic lic discussion	
00			
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0000	population		
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	ay need to change or add other le	rom the box, and give the stress pattern of you tters to the first word. Use a dictionary to help	
EXAMPLE	nform information 0000	<u></u>	
1 introduce		7 optimist	
2 base		8 celebrate	
3 economy		9 diplomat	
4 describe		10 operate	
4 describe 5 romance		10 operate 11 explain	

# Resource

Handcock, M(2003) op. cit. pag 64-69



# Part 4- Intonation

# **BASICS OF INTONATION**

 Intonation is a complex unity of speech melody, sentence stress (accent), rhythm, voice qualities (timbre) and speech tempo which enables the speaker to adequately communicate in speech his / her thoughts, will, emotions and attitude towards reality and the contents of the utterance

# Intonation

There is confusion about intonation caused by the fact that the word is used with two different meanings: in its more restricted sense, 'intonation' refers simply to the variations in the pitch of a speaker's voice used to convey or alter meaning, but in its broader and more popular sense it is used to cover much the same field as 'prosody', where variations in such things as voice quality, tempo and loudness are included. It is, regrettably, common to find in pronunciation teaching materials accounts of intonation that describe only pitch movements and levels and then claim that a wide range of emotions and attitudes are signalled by means of these pitch phenomena. There is in fact very little evidence that pitch movements alone are effective in doing signalling of this type.

It is certainly possible to analyse pitch movements (or their acoustic counterpart, fundamental frequency) and find regular patterns that can be described and tabulated. Many attempts have been made at establishing descriptive frameworks for stating these regularities. Some analysts look for an underlying basic pitch melody (or for a small number of them) and then describe the factors that cause deviations from these basic melodies; others have tried to break down pitch patterns into small constituent units such as "pitch phonemes" and "pitch morphemes", while the approach most widely used in Britain takes the tone unit as its basic unit and looks at the different pitch possibilities of the various components of the tone unit (the pre-head, head, tonic syllable/nucleus and tail).

As mentioned above, intonation is said to convey emotions and attitudes. Other linguistic functions have also been claimed: interesting relationships exist in English between intonation and grammar, for example: in a few extreme cases a perceived difference in grammatical meaning may depend on the pitch movement, as in the following example:

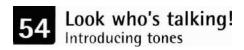
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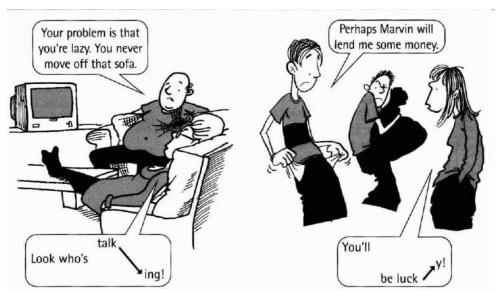
# Intonation

- √ No language is spoken on a monotone
- ✓ Languages have variations of pitch
- English intonation: pitch patterns of spoken English; the speech tunes or melodies; the musical features of English
- ✓ Intonation is significant
- ✓ Intonation is systematic
- ✓ Intonation is characteristic
- Because word/sentence stress involves changes in voice pitch, speakers continually modify the fundamental frequency of their voice while speaking in order to stress particular words in an utterance.



# **English Intonation**

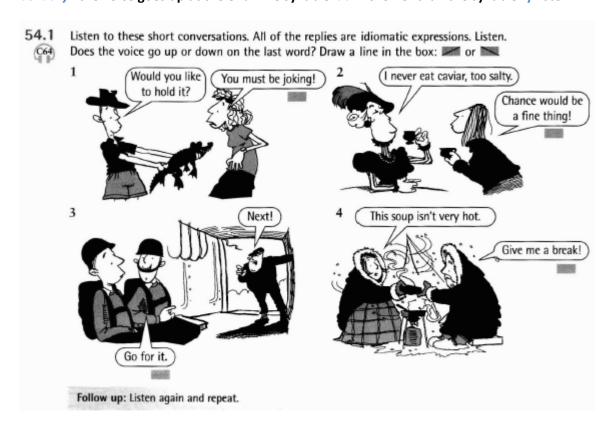


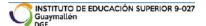


Phonetics and Phonology deal with intonation.

**Basic Concepts- Glosary** 

Some idiomatic expressions have a fixed melody, or tone in English. For example, in "Look, who's talking" the voice goes down at the end. The syllable talk- is higher than the syllable -ing. In "You'll be lucky" the voice goes up at the end. The syllable luck- is lower than the syllable -y listen





54.2 The responses to the pairs of sentences a and b below are the same, but the speaker uses a different tone. For example, in the response to Example a, the voice goes down, but in the response to Example b, the voice goes up. Listen and draw a line in the box to show if the voice goes up or down. EXAMPLE a Let's go away for the weekend. - Where? b Let's go to Llantisiliogogogoch. - Where? 1 a I know who stole your glasses. - Who? b It was Mickey Mumpkin. - Who? 2 a I've got some bad news for you. - What? b I'm afraid your house has burnt down. - What! 3 a Excuse me, can you help us? - Yes? b Can you take a photo of us with this camera? - Yes. - When? 4 a We're going for a picnic if you want to come. b At midnight tonight. - When?

# Here? Yes, here! Asking and checking tones

Here is another example. A is asking directions to B's house. Notice how both of them use "check" questions [in blank] to make sure they understand each other. Listen

Here is another example. A is asking directions to B's house. Notice how both of them use 'check' questions (in black) to make sure they understand each other. Listen.



## Resource

Handcock, M. (2003) op. cit. p 116-118



# Where were you born? Tones in asking for information

56.1 Listen to the questions below. Are they open or check? Draw a down or an up line in the boxes. EXAMPLE Are you a student? 1 Have you been to America? 5 Can you drive? 2 What do you study? 6 Where's he going? 3 What time is it? 7 Do you like it? 4 Are you over eighteen? 56.2 Listen. After each sentence below, there is a question. Which word in the question does the speaker (C75) 'underline' with his voice? Underline the word. Then draw the voice movement line, starting in the box below the underlined word. The voice goes down in all of them. EXAMPLE I'm from Canada. Where are you from? 1 So you're from Cuba. Where in Cuba? 2 From Havana? Interesting. And what's your name? 3 So you don't live in Cuba now? Where do you live? 4 You're a student? What do you study? 5 So you won't finish this year? When will you finish?

Look at the questions in black below. <u>Underline</u> the word you think the speaker will emphasise. Then listen and check.

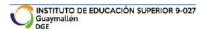
# EXAMPLE

Follow up: Listen again and repeat.

- a So your sister's a teacher? Where does she work?
- b Oh, so she doesn't work here? Where does she work?
- 1 a So you're married? Do you have any children?
  - **b** I have two daughters. Do you have any children?
- 2 a So French is your second language? What's your first language?
  - **b** My first language is Urdu. What's your first language?
- 3 a So you work Mondays to Saturdays? What do you do on Sundays?
  - b So your favourite day is Sunday? What do you do on Sundays?
- 4 a I know how he did it, but ... why did he do it?
  - b She was going to do it, so ... why did he do it?
- 5 a My glasses aren't here, so ... where are my glasses?
  - b Here are your glasses, but ... where are my glasses?

### Resource

Handcock, M. (2003) op. cit. p 121

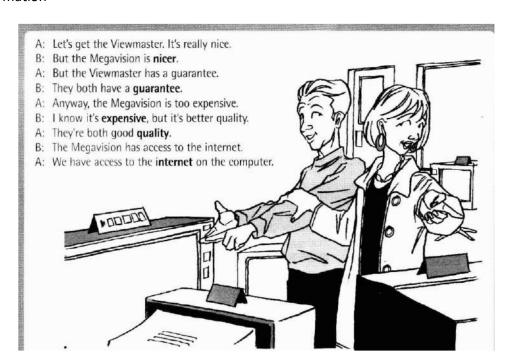


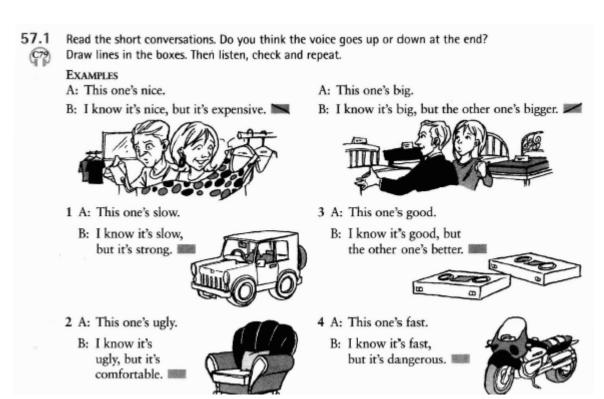


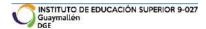
# We're closed tomorrow

# Tones in new and old information

Listen to this example. They are talking about buying a television. Notice how the voice goes up on the words in black. This is because these are words which have been mentioned before, so they are old information









The responses to the pairs of sentences **a** and **b** below are the same, but the speaker uses a different tone in each response. For example, in the response to Example **a**, the voice goes *up* at the end of the sentence, but in the response to Example **b**, the voice goes *down*. Draw lines to show if you think the voice will go up or down. Then listen and check.

## EXAMPLE

- a The train's cheap.
  - The bus was cheaper.
- 1 a Was the movie good?
  - The book was better.
- 2 a What time's lunch?
  - Lunch is at two.
- 3 a I'd like a leather one.
  - They're all leather.
- 4 a Let's go tomorrow.
  - It's closed tomorrow.
- 5 a Where's menswear?
  - Menswear is upstairs.
- 6 a The fish is expensive.
  - The steak's more expensive.
- 7 a What happens if one of them breaks?
  - They all have a guarantee.

- b Why did you take the bus?
  - The bus was cheaper.
- 1 b Why did you read the book?
  - The book was better.
- 2 b Let's go swimming at two.
  - Lunch is at two.
- 3 b Why are they so expensive?
  - They're all leather.
- 4 b When is it closed?
  - It's closed tomorrow.
- 5 b What's upstairs?
  - Menswear is upstairs.
- 6 b Why didn't you have steak?
  - The steak's more expensive.
- 7 b This one has a guarantee.
  - They all have a guarantee.

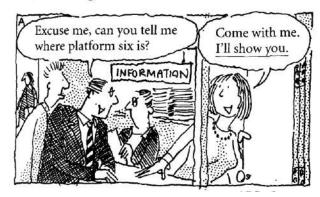


# **English Intonation**

# Intonation

# Hearing the difference between polite and impolite offers

1 Read the dialogues. The offers are underlined.



2 Read these dialogues. Underline the offers.

1	Jane Oh, no! My skirt looks terrible
	and I'm going out in ten minutes.
	Paul I'll iron it for you.
- 5	

2	Rob I'd like to have a look at that red coat.
	Assistant I'll get it for you in a moment.
	I'm busy right now.
	I'm busy right now.

3	Boss I told you yesterday that there weren't
	any stamps.
	Secretary I'm sorry, I forgot. I'll buy some

Duncan I couldn't do the maths homework
last night. Could you?
Nick It was easy. I'll do it for you.

4 T5.12 Listen and practise.

now.

I'll buy it for you. I'll clean them for you. I'll carry it for you. I'll get some for you.



5	<b>Driver</b> The red light's on and it's making a
	terrible noise. Can you do something about
	it quickly?
	Mechanic OK. I'll have a look at the engine
	for you.



**T5.9** Listen to the difference between the offers.

In Dialogue A the woman is interested and **polite**.

In Dialogue B the woman is uninterested and **impolite**.

**5** Complete each dialogue with an offer from 4.

1	A	Oh dear. I forgot to buy any eggs.
	В	
2	A	This suitcase is so heavy, I can't possibly carry it up those stairs.
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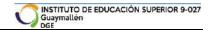
3 A I can't serve drinks in these dirty glasses.

4 A I'm not having lunch today because I left my purse at home.

В \_\_\_\_\_

### Resource

Bowler & Parminter op.cit p.33



# Refreshing

# SYSTEMS OF INTONATION

- Halliday introduced the nation of a trio of systems operating in English intonation.
- TONALITY is the system by which a stretch of spoken text is segmented into a series of discrete units of intonation which correspond to the speaker's perception of pieces of information.
- TONICITY is the system by which an individual, discrete unit of intenation is shown to have a prominent word which indicates the facus of intonation.
- TONE is the system of contrasting pitch movement in each unit of intonation, which, among other roles identifies the status of the intonation.

## Tone

Although this word has a very wide range of meanings and uses in ordinary language, its meaning in phonetics and phonology is quite restricted: *it refers to an identifiable movement or level of pitch that is used in a linguistically contrastive way*. In some languages (known as tone languages) the linguistic function of tone is to change the meaning of a word: in Mandarin Chinese, for example, ma said with high pitch means 'mother' while ma said on a low rising tone means 'hemp'. In other languages, tone forms the central part of intonation, and the difference between, for example, a rising and a falling tone on a particular word may cause a different interpretation of the sentence in which it occurs. In the case of tone languages, it is usual to identify tones as being a property of individual syllables, whereas an <u>intonational</u> tone may be spread over many syllables.

# Tone-unit

In the study of <u>intonation</u> it is usual to divide speech into larger units than <u>syllables</u>. If one studies only short sentences said in isolation it may be sufficient to make no

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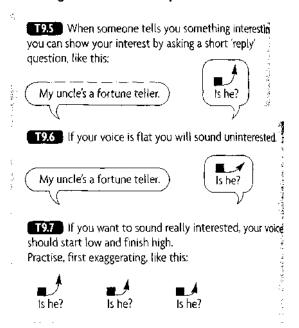


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# Intonation and sentence stress

# Showing interest and surprise



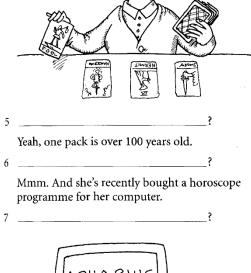


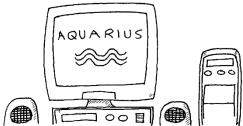
My aunt's a fortune telle	
Yeah, she uses a crystal l	oall to see into the f
	?
Mmm. It belonged to m	y granny.
4000	
Yeah. She can read the li	ines on your hand a

1 Look at the rules for making reply questions.

Rules	
<ul> <li>When the verb be is in the sentence, use the coof be in the reply question.</li> </ul>	orrect form
My uncle's a fortune teller.	
Is he?	
<ul> <li>When another auxiliary verb is in the sentence correct form of that verb in the reply question</li> </ul>	
He's got a gypsy caravan.	
(Has he?)	
<ul> <li>When there is no auxiliary verb in the sentence correct form of do.</li> </ul>	e, use the
He likes looking into the future.	
Does he?	

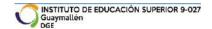
And she's also got some very old Tarot cards.





# Resource

Bowler & Parminter op.cit p.36-37



# Intonation and sentence stress

# Corrective stress

T13.8 Listen. We often stress words strongly when we correct people.



 Tib.9 Look at these dialogues. Listen and mark the main stress ■ in each B reply.



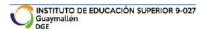
- 1 A So, the address is Mr P Blake, 46 Shakespeare Close, London SW3?
  - B No, it's Mr P Blake, 46 Shakespeare Road, London SW3.
- 2 A So, the address is Mr P Blake, 46 Milton Road, London SW3?
  - B No, it's Mr P Blake, 46 Shakespeare Road, London SW3.

- 3 A So, the address is Mrs P Blake, 46 Shakespeare Road, London SW3?
  - **B** No, it's Mr P Blake, 46 Shakespeare Road, London SW3.
- 4 A So, the address is Mr P Drake, 46 Shakespeare Road, London SW3?
  - **B** No, it's Mr P Blake, 46 Shakespeare Road, London SW3.
- 5 A So, the address is Mr P Blake, 46 Shakespeare Road, London SW4?
  - **B** No, it's Mr P Blake, 46 Shakespeare Road, London SW3.
- 6 A So, the address is Mr P Blake, 47 Shakespeare Road, London SW3?
  - **B** No, it's Mr P Blake, 46 Shakespeare Road, London SW3.

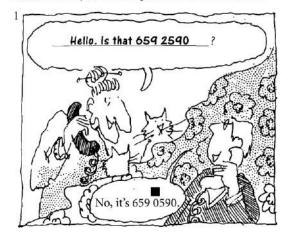


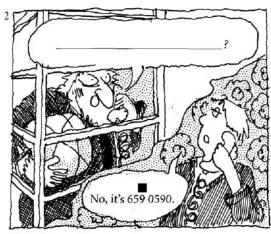


2 Listen again and repeat the answers. Read the dialogues aloud with a partner. Pay attention to the stress.

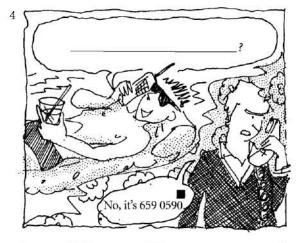


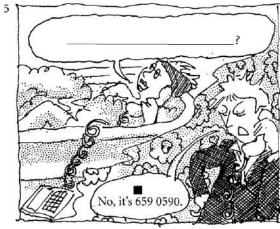
3 Brian gets a lot of wrong number phone calls. Look at Brian's answers below. The stress is in a different place each time. Can you write a question for each answer?







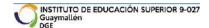






4 Read your dialogues aloud with a partner.

**Resource**Bowler & Parminter op.cit p.50-51



# Extra resources and web findings

Here you find a list of websites for checking your pronunciation. You may find some material for speaking, listening and more.



Each site may suit or not the needs of the attendees. These are just suggested websites. Its scientific and academic value is not guaranteed, and the contents within each site have not been checked. It's users' responsibility to consult books and authorities in the area.

# Resources for practice

1. Learn English Sounds



Perfect Your English Accent - Vowels, Diphthongs, Consonants

https://www.learnenglishsounds.com/en

2. Cambridge English



Activities for Learners | Learning English | Cambridge English

https://www.cambridgeenglish.org/learning-english/activities-for-learners/?skill=pronunciation

3. Fluent



12 English Pronunciation Practice Activities For All Levels | FluentU

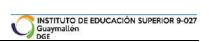
https://www.fluentu.com/blog/english/english-pronunciation-practice/

4. English Club



Pronunciation | Learn English

https://www.englishclub.com/pronunciation/

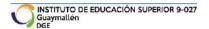


# 5. Speech Active



**English Pronunciation Exercises - with Voice Recorder** 

https://www.speechactive.com/english-pronunciation-exercises/?v=c582dec943ff



# Applications (apps) for practice



# Speak English with Loora Al

# Description of the app

Loora is your personal AI English coach. It is always available for you to practice "as real as it gets" English conversations. Loora makes speaking English easy with conversation-based sessions, available 24-hours a day, every day. The lessons are personalized with real-time feedback on grammar, pronunciation, and fluency.



Accentize: Pronunciation App

### About this app

Want to sound more natural in English? Accentize is your free and ultimate pronunciation and accent training app. Whether you're aiming for a clear British English or fluent American English accent, Accentize helps you sharpen your speaking skills, improve your English pronunciation, and sound like a native speaker.



**English Pronunciation IPA** 

## About this app

Learning English is important from the basics, and phonetic symbols (IPA) are the first knowledge that English learners need to master. Key Features: comprehensive Phonetic Symbol Learning\*\*: Covers all English phonetic symbols, including short vowels, long

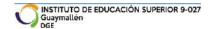


ELSA Speak: English Learning

# About this app

Meet ELSA Speak - Your personal Al-powered English tutor.

ELSA Speak is an AI-powered language coach designed to help professionals and learners speak English with confidence. Engage in real-time, speaking scenarios to practice job interviews, presentations, meetings, and more. Reinforce your skills with interactive AI-powered games that make learning engaging and effective. With 8,000+ lessons, you'll learn proper pronunciation, grammar, and vocabulary faster than ever.



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