

## Free Web Sites for English Pronunciation- With Sound

**<http://www.uiowa.edu/~acadtech/phonetics/english/frameset.html>**

*Phonetic—The Sounds of American English—from the University of Iowa*

This is a great site for showing how the mouth forms various sounds in English. A moving diagram demonstrates the position of the mouth, tongue and lips. In addition, you can hear and see a real person saying that sound.

**<http://www.e-pron.com/esl/ws/ws.html>**

You can practice word stress, emphasis, and reductions on this site. There is a short exercise on stress. In addition, there are links to other helpful sites.

**<http://www.englishclub.com/index.htm>**

*English Club*

This web site is a good source of information for listening and speaking skills. It provides rules, examples, and quizzes. There are links for supplemental sites for pronunciation at

<http://www.englishclub.com/pronunciation/index.htm>. Note: Using a plug-in for this site makes it easier to navigate, but you can still hear the sounds without loading the plug-in. In addition, there is a link for listening skills at <http://www.englishclub.com/listening/index.htm>. At this site you can listen to authentic news articles, but one of the sections uses British broadcasts.

**<http://www.manythings.org/pp/>**

*American English Pronunciation Practice*

Minimal parts (pairs of words that have the same pronunciation except for one sound) are featured on this site. You can hear the words and complete the quiz. There are also some songs, poems, and tongue twisters.

**<http://manythings.org/listen/>**

*Listening and Read Along*

Short passages are read aloud, and you can follow along. The pace is slow, but the pronunciation is clear. There are a variety of topics from American culture, such as music, health, and the environment.

**<http://manythings.org/ac/>**

*Audio Concentration Games*

A memory card game can be found on this site. An announcer speaks several words that sound alike, and you have to find the cards with the matching sound. This game is a bit difficult because the words have very similar sounds. However, it is great practice for hearing the subtle differences in words.

Note: The main site is *Interesting Things for ESL Students*—**[www.manythings.org](http://www.manythings.org)**. You can find many fun activities for vocabulary, grammar, and reading. Some of the activities require special plug-ins. .

**<http://www.teacherjoe.us/index.html>**

*Learn English with Teacher Joe*

This site was written by an English teacher for students in China. It provides jokes, proverbs, and famous American sayings. In addition, there are interesting audio exercises that require you to listen and respond to rapid English. Also, you can practice conversation skills with questions and answers (without audio). The speech is clear, but a bit exaggerated.

**<http://www.npr.org/templates/rundowns/rundown.php?prgId=2>**

*National Public Radio*

This is the website for the National Public Radio. An announcer reads authentic news reports. However, the speech is fast, which may be difficult for beginning listeners. This site requires a plug-in.