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# Introduction

#### Overview

Phrase by Phrase: Pronunciation and Listening in American English is designed to enable learners of English to speak more clearly. This program, comprised of a student book, audio CDs, and DVDs, is intended for students who can already understand and use some oral English. The lessons are flexible enough to be used in high-beginning, intermediate, and low-advanced English as a second or foreign language (ESL/EFL) classes. The material in this book is especially suitable for use in pronunciation, listening and speaking, and oral communication courses, and provides an important balance in integrated skills language courses. It is effective in traditional face-to-face classrooms, in distance education environments, and in learning labs.

The activities in *Phrase by Phrase* are systematically presented to help learners develop auditory sensitivity and improve accuracy, fluency, and confidence in their oral production of English. The

vocabulary and listening activities prepare learners for success in speaking clearly.
Learners listen for different purposes (comprehension of meaning, inference, words, and distinction of consonants, vowels, and intonation). This preparation allows them to focus on improving pronunciation. Pronunciation notes are simple but informative, and the teacher on video adds verbal, visual, and kinesthetic explanations to aid the students.

Sounds and sound patterns are presented in the context of connected discourse, a more natural and holistic approach than lists of isolated words and sentences. Each lesson begins with a story or dialog. The organization of each lesson takes the shape of an hourglass, moving from general to specific listening tasks, and then from specific to general pronunciation tasks. Through practice and assessments, learners are guided to listen to and monitor their own progress and make revisions in their pronunciation. They are further encouraged to apply what they have learned by composing an original story or dialog in the "On Your Own" section.

Phrase by Phrase introduces syllables, stress, intonation, reduction, and linking from the beginning, and it reinforces and expands upon these features throughout the learning program.

# LISTENING

# Vocabulary Focus Picture Focus

Preparing to listen to the story

# Listening Comprehension

Listening for ideas

#### Listening Cloze

Listening for words in context

#### Follow-up Questions

Reflecting on the passage

#### **Sound Focuses**

Perceiving and

practicing specific sounds

# Sounds in Context: Phrase by Phrase 1

Listening to and practicing sounds in short phrases

#### Sounds in Context: Phrase by Phrase 2

Listening to and practicing sounds in the context of longer phrases

Sounds in Context: Phrase by Phrase 3

Listening to and practicing phrases in sentences

# On Your Own and Assessment

Practicing longer pieces of discourse

Listening to and monitoring your pronunciation

**Oral Composition and Assessment** 

Expanding on the topic – Speaking out – Assessing your success

#### SPEAKING

These suprasegmental features provide the basis for the rhythm and melody of English, a necessary foundation for learners from all language backgrounds. When speakers understand and produce these key features well, their pronunciation becomes clearer and easier to understand. As a result, their oral communication is smoother and more successful.

Vowel and consonant groups – the segmental features – are presented throughout the program. Learners practice 16 American English vowels, 24 consonants, and numerous consonant clusters. The classroom instructor is advised to focus on those that will provide the greatest gain in intelligibility for particular learners.

The vocabulary and syntax in the sixteen lessons gradually increase in difficulty, and the topics shift from concrete topics in conversations and narratives to abstract topics in expository passages. Vocabulary is spiraled: words and phrases introduced in one lesson may appear again in subsequent lessons. Even with this sequencing, *Phrase by Phrase* allows the classroom instructor the flexibility to help students choose the lessons and learning activities which are most appropriate and beneficial.

# **Video and Audio Recordings**

The teacher on the video actively guides the learner using auditory, visual, kinesthetic, and textual support. Activities and quizzes in addition to the exercises in the book provide interactivity and allow learners to improve accuracy, fluency, and ease in the oral production of English. Over ten hours of instruction are available on DVDs. The audio compact disks for *Phrase by Phrase* form an integral part of the learning program. All of the explanations, examples, and exercises are on CD. Some material is available solely on audio; for example, the Sounds in Context: Phrase by Phrase segments. Nearly six hours of practice material are available on audio CDs and mp3 CD.

The video and audio recordings are effectively used in a pronunciation class setting with an instructor controlling the pacing, pauses, and repetitions, and organizing pair and group activities. The recordings are appropriate for use in a pronunciation laboratory class. They are also suitable and convenient for use by individual learners in self-paced and distance learning environment

# What's New in the Second Edition

- > Print, audio, and video materials are fully coordinated; instructions specify when and how to use the components in an integrated and effective way.
- Vocabulary and cloze items have been revised with consideration given to frequency based on corpus data.
- > Sound Focus exercises have been expanded to include material previously available only on video and additional practical exercises for pairs.
- > Illustrations and improved formatting enhance pronunciation and listening concepts and tasks.
- New oral composition topics are provided for all chapters, and they specify the sounds to apply.
- New assessment questions guide students to monitor their pronunciation of the chapter passage and the oral composition.
- A whole new section, EXPANSION ACTIVITIES, presents interactive exercises for pairs and small groups to further practice the sound focuses presented in each chapter. Included are information gaps, dialogs, games, and dictations.
- A Pronunciation Scoring Guide provides a means for an instructor to evaluate students' pronunciation holistically.
- > Users may access the pronunciation website for supplemental materials.
- The Stress Stretch technique, well-known to participants in Marsha Chan's pronunciation workshops, is another bonus feature.

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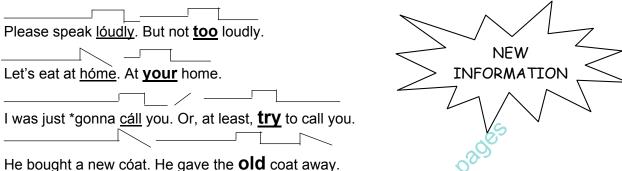
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LISTENING CLOZE	[VIDEO] [AUDIO

Watch the video presentation of the story again, or listen to the audio recording. Fill in the words you hear, one word for each blank. Pause the recording as necessary.

	Tina and Da	vid Taylor, my nex	t-door (1)	, take good care of
	their home. On Satu	ırday, I couldn't he	lp (2)	their whole family working
	in the backyard. I th	ink they (3)	to do a lot	of things, because they
	(4)	_ pretty early in th	e morning. Tina (5)	the garden
	and added fertilizer	to the (6)	Her daught	er, Debbie,
	(7)	_ up the dead lea	ves and (8)	the lawn.
	Meanwhile, David (9	9)	_ a hole in the roof of	the shed. Even
	(10)	Tommy lent a	hand. He (11)	up and down the
	ladder and got the to	ools his father (12)	, be	ater, David made a couple of
	flower boxes. The ki	ids planted some (	13)	ater, David made a couple of and daisies in them. Their
	mother (14)	some o	corn and tomatoes and	took them into the house.
	Then she (15)	out t	he garden hose and (1	6) the
	whole yard.		COULTINA.	
	When I (17)_		out the window again	in the afternoon, they'd
	(18)	everything. (w	as so (19)	by the results of their
	work that it's (20)		e to clean up my own	backyard!
Follov	v-up Questions	se Jewish	the questions.	
Use th	e information from th	e story to answer t	the questions.	
1.	<b>\( \psi \)</b>	_	nd why?	
2.				
SOUN	ID FOCUS 1: WORD	STRESS AND IN	TONATION	[VIDEO] [AUDIO]
<b>A.</b> List	en to these words an	d draw the intonat	ion pattern.	
	L <u>.</u>			
Da	ivid	results	backyard	started
be	cause	neighbors	fertilizer	impressed
aft	ernoon	vegetables	tomatoes	flower boxes

**D 1.** Phrase stress is determined by context. It depends on what the speaker considers the most important. When a new idea is introduced, the new information is emphasized the old information is not. In the first sentence, the key word is the last content word. Listen to these pairs of sentences. In the second sentence, a new idea is introduced. The phrase stress is on the new idea and not on the old one.



- **D 2.** Practice the sentences above, stressing the key word in each phrase.
- **E 1.** Listen and underline the key words in the following sentences. If the key word has more than one syllable, mark the stressed syllable.

I can play the piáno. I can play ten songs on the piano.

Can Koko and All Ball find comfort together? Yes, comfort and happiness.

I'm dying to try out my new fishing rod since I broke my old one.

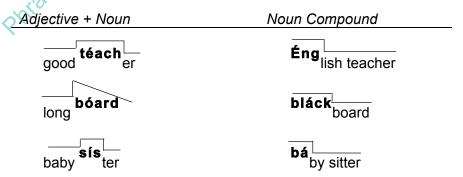
**E 2.** Practice the sentences above with a partner, stressing the key words.



# SOUND FOCUS 5: NOUN COMPOUNDS

[VIDEO] [AUDIO]

**A 1.** A **noun compound** is composed of two words that function as a single noun. The main stress is on the first word of the compound. In contrast, for an <u>adjective + noun</u> phrase, the main stress is on the noun, the second word. Listen to the teacher pronounce these phrases, and compare the stress and intonation.



**A 2**. Listen again and pronounce the pairs of phrases, paying particular attention to the different stress and intonation patterns.

# SOUND FOCUS 2: /3/

[VIDEO] [AUDIO]

A. Listen and watch carefully as the teacher pronounces words with the sound /ʒ/.

mea <u>s</u> ure	rouge	Malaysia
usual	leisure	decision
casual	Asia	explosion
garage	Indonesia	invasion

Listen to the words above a second time, and underline the letters that make the

/ʒ/ sound.

**C.** To produce the sound /3/, as in measure, place your tongue, teeth and lips in the same position as for /5/, described above. Raise the sides of your tongue so that they touch the gum ridge on the sides of your teeth, Put your teeth nearly together, and separate your lips. Let out a continuous voiced sound. Listen and compare as the teacher pronounces /5/ Then listen to the words a third time, and pronounce them with the /3/ sound clearly.

# SOUND FOCUS 3: /t//

[VIDEO] [AUDIO]

A. Listen and watch carefully as the teacher pronounces words with the sound /tʃ/.

<u>ch</u> eese	each	picture	stretches
chair	catch	natural	avalanches
Chile	march	inches	fortunately
China	watch	kitchen	actually

- **B.** Listen to the words above a second time, and underline the letters that make the /tʃ/ sound.
- **C.** The sound /tf/, as in  $\underline{chair}$ , is a combination of the sounds /tf and /tf. To produce this sound, raise the sides of your tongue so that they touch the gum ridge on the sides of your teeth, as for the sound /tf. Press the tip of your tongue against the upper gum ridge behind the front teeth, as for the sound /tf. Force air outward and let your voiceless breath explode as you quickly move the tip of your tongue away from the gum ridge. Listen and compare as the teacher pronounces /tf. Then listen to the words above a third time, and pronounce them with the /tf sound clearly.

# SOUND FOCUS 4: /dʒ/

[VIDEO] [AUDIO]

A. Listen and watch carefully as the teacher pronounces words with the sound /dʒ/.

jail <b>(</b>	edge	region	judge
joke	huge	subject	George
juice	range	bridges	geology
giant	damage	manager	geologist

- B. Listen to the words above a second time, and underline the letters that make the /dʒ/.
- **C.** The sound  $/d_3/$ , as in jail, is a combination of the sounds /d/ and /3/. To produce this sound, place your tongue, teeth and lips in the same position as for /tf/, described above. This time, force a voiced sound to explode from your mouth as you release the tip of your tongue from its position against the gum ridge. Listen and compare as the teacher pronounces /3/ /d3/. Next, listen and compare as the teacher pronounces /tf/ /d3/. Finally, listen to the words above a third time, and pronounce them with the /d3/ sound clearly.

# **SOUND FOCUS 5: VOWEL REVIEW**

[VIDEO] [AUDIO]

**A.** Listen as the teacher reviews all of the vowels.

/i <b>y</b> /	reed
/1/	river
/e <sup>y</sup> /	say
/ε/	every
/æ/	act
/a/	father
/c/	ought
/o <sup>w</sup> /	oak
/ʊ/	put
/u <sup>w</sup> /	shoe
/^/	cut
/ə-/	earn
/ə/	away
/ai/	my
/αʊ/	out o
/ic\	voice S

**B.** Listen and practice after the teacher pronounces each sentence that contrasts a pair of vowels. Stress the content words.

	1.	L <u>ee</u> s <u>i</u> ts <u>i</u> n th <u>i</u> s s <u>ea</u> t.	(/i <sup>y</sup> /, /ɪ/)
	2.	D <u>i</u> d L <u>y</u> nn s <u>ay</u> L <u>e</u> n was d <u>ea</u> d?	(/ɪ/, /ε/)
	3.	Don't get wet waiting in the rain.	(/ε/, /e <sup>y</sup> /)
	4.	The cat sat on top of the box.	(/æ/, /a/)
	5.	Mom's collar is another color.	(/a/, /ʌ/)
	6.	The bus turned up onto the curb.	(/గ/, /ఈ/)
	7.	Would you put some honey in my cup?	(/ʊ/, /ʌ/)
	8.	S <u>ue</u> p <u>u</u> lled L <u>ou</u> into the p <u>oo</u> l.	(/uʷ/, /ʊ/)
	9.	A h <u>aw</u> k st <u>oo</u> d on a h <u>oo</u> k.	(/ɔ/, /ʊ/)
	10.	. J <u>oa</u> n b <u>oug</u> ht a b <u>oa</u> t.	(/c <sup>w</sup> /, /ɔ/)
	11,	D <u>o</u> n g <u>o</u> t up at d <u>aw</u> n.	(/a/, /ɔ/)
2	12.	Someone has sung the wrong song.	(/c/, /م/)
	13.	. I w <u>al</u> k to w <u>or</u> k <u>ear</u> ly.	(/ɔ/, /əੑ·/)
	14.	. The f <u>ir</u> st w <u>or</u> d is "w <u>oo</u> d".	(/ఈ/, /ʊ/)
	15.	The b <u>oy</u> is ab <u>ou</u> t to b <u>uy</u> a t <u>oy</u> .	(/oi/, /αυ/)

CHAPTER SUMMARY [VIDEO]

Watch the summary of Chapter 16, and recall the sound focuses of this lesson:

- /αi/ as in <u>eye</u>
- /αʊ/ as in <u>ou</u>t
- /ɔi/ as in voice
- Question Word Stress
- Vowel Review

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Watch the passage again, with captions, and keep these sound focuses in mind.

# Chapter 14

# Stress and Rhythm Maze

Practice syllables, stress and rhythm. The words in the maze have words with the following syllable-stress patterns:

•• 2-1 ••• 3-1 ••• 4-2 •••• 5-3 •• 2-2 ••• 3-2 ••• 4-3 •••• 5-4

- 1. The object of the game is to find a path through the maze from the **ENTRANCE** to the **EXIT**.
- 2. A player may try individually, or several students may work together as a team.
- 3. You can move from one cell to another only if the words in two adjacent cells share the same rhythm. Mark the syllables and stress.
- 4. Move through the cells by drawing a line between words horizontally or vertically, but not diagonally. For example, create → prepare, but not creation → preparation.
- 5. The first individual or team to identify the path correctly wins.

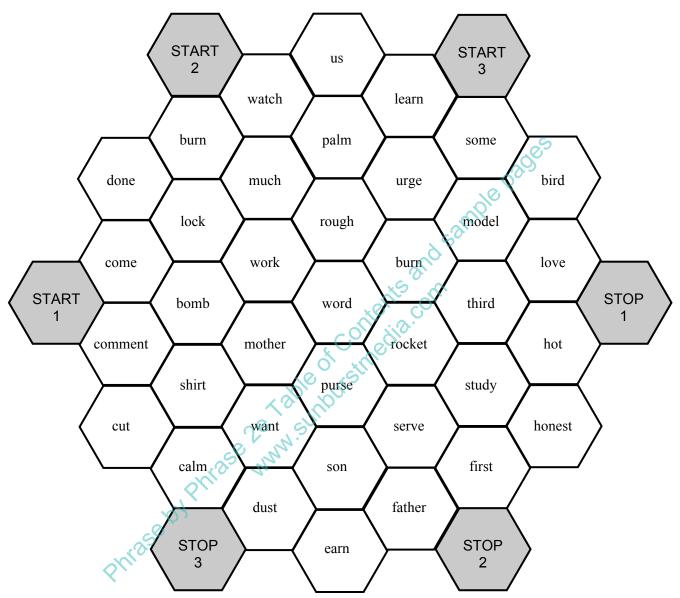
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compose	population	technology	Conversation	converse	inspiration	educate	
communicate	generation	repetition	photographic	cooperate	illustration	photograph	
definitively	contribute	cooperate	inspire	geographer	graduation	contribution	
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conversationally	telescope	optimistic	analysis	repeat	communication	optimism	
microscope	optimist	analytic	vegetation	medication	understanding	composition	

**EXIT** 

Chapter 9 Watch Gus Learn

In this activity, you will practice the vowels /a/, /n/ and /ə-/ as in *Watch Gus learn*. Homework: Listen to a pronouncing dictionary (e.g. <u>Dictionary.com</u>) to distinguish and mark all of the stressed vowels



In class, play the game.

- 1. The object of the game is to move from one START cell to the opposite STOP cell.
- 2. Play this game with two to three players and one player's page. Decide the order of players before beginning.
- 3. Place a different marker for each player on a START cell (e.g., a button, coin, small piece of paper with initials).
- 4. Use one coin to determine each move. Toss or spin the coin. If it's heads, move to a word with the same vowel sound. If it's tails, move to a word with a different vowel sound.
- 5. You can move only to a cell that is connected and not occupied. At times, you may have to go backwards. If no word is suitable, you lose a turn.
- 6. The player who reaches STOP first is the winner.