

A1. Introduction into English phonology

Aim: revise basic ideas of English phonology, IPA, phonemes, pronunciation problems, and the role of sounds in communication.

Activity 1. Match the key terms.

Term	Definition / explanation
1. Phonology	A. A symbol system for speech sounds
2. Phoneme	B. Study of sound patterns in a language
3. IPA	C. Smallest sound unit that can change meaning
4. Stress	D. Extra force on a syllable or word
5. Intonation	E. Rise and fall of the voice

Activity 2. Pronunciation problem hunt.

English word	Difficult sound(s)	Why it may be difficult
think		
ship		
very		
world		
teacher		

Activity 3. Complete the sentences.

- 1) English phonology studies _____.
- 2) A good English teacher needs phonology because _____.
- 3) IPA is useful because _____.

Activity 4. Mini discussion card.

Work in pairs. Discuss: Which three English sounds are most difficult for learners in your class? Give examples and one possible classroom technique for each sound.
