

## EXERCISES ON PRONUNCIATION

1. In each line, identify the consonant or vowel sound that is silent in three out of four words:

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|---------------|-----------|-------------|----------------|---------|
| a. debt       | b. doubt  | c. bomb     | d. debate      | = ..... |
| a. wolf       | b. talk   | c. walk     | d. would       | = ..... |
| a. castle     | b. cost   | c. fasten   | d. listen      | = ..... |
| a. knee       | b. knot   | c. know     | d. acknowledge | = ..... |
| a. Iceland    | b. island | c. isle     | d. aisle       | = ..... |
| a. mail       | b. palm   | c. half     | d. should      | = ..... |
| a. psychology | b. lapse  | c. receipt  | d. pseudonym   | = ..... |
| a. iron       | b. tired  | c. farm     | d. borrow      | = ..... |
| a. field      | b. friend | c. fruit    | d. recruit     | = ..... |
| a. mountain   | b. aunt   | c. biscuit  | d. guard       | = ..... |
| a. alarm      | b. garage | c. word     | d. work        | = ..... |
| a. write      | b. wrong  | c. wonder   | d. wrinkle     | = ..... |
| a. parliament | b. suit   | c. minister | d. said        | = ..... |

2. In each line, identify the word that has a different final sound:

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|------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| a. rough   | b. safe     | c. roof   | d. of     | = ..... |
| a. lump    | b. chasm    | c. limb   | d. name   | = ..... |
| a. sock    | b. music    | c. ache   | d. arch   | = ..... |
| a. breathe | b. health   | c. truth  | d. wealth | = ..... |
| a. foreign | b. paradigm | c. wine   | d. sign   | = ..... |
| a. monarch | b. stomach  | c. cook   | d. match  | = ..... |
| a. laugh   | b. love     | c. enough | d. tough  | = ..... |

3. -ed ending – In each line of words, circle the odd one out:

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|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| a. marked    | b. added     | c. mixed    | d. killed   |
| a. entered   | b. ordered   | c. rated    | d. formed   |
| a. ended     | b. flooded   | c. needed   | d. deepened |
| a. changed   | b. based     | c. started  | d. opened   |
| a. addressed | b. elected   | c. designed | d. judged   |
| a. voted     | b. vetoed    | c. closed   | d. fixed    |
| a. missed    | b. expressed | c. invested | d. laughed  |

**4. Use one word from the box for each pair of sentences below, marking the stress with /'/:**

<b>conduct</b>	<b>import</b>	<b>export</b>	<b>permit</b>	<b>progress</b>	<b>object</b>	<b>decrease</b>
	<b>contrast</b>	<b>refund</b>	<b>contract</b>	<b>record</b>	<b>present</b>	

a) The people of West Sussex ..... to the new power station.

b) The ..... of this exercise is to understand verb/noun pairs.

a) Portugal will need to beat Poland to ..... in the competition.

b) ..... has been slow due to terrible weather.

a) "Excuse me sir, may I see your resident's..... ?"

b) We can't ..... you to bring this across the border.

a) Recent years have seen a large ..... in crime.

b) If we ..... expenditure, I think profits will go up.

a) I don't want any more nonsense, just ..... me with the facts.

b) Happy birthday, Jane! Here's your .....

a) They were arrested for disorderly .....

b) A new team of detectives were called in to ..... a fresh inquiry.

a) The ..... between the two companies will expire at the end of the year.

b) The electrical market is forecast to ..... by 2% this year.

a) If you ..... some of her early writing with her later work, you can see just how much she improved.

b) The president spoke with passion for an hour, in marked ..... to his subdued address to the parliament yesterday.

a) We ..... a large number of cars from Japan.

b) The report calls for a ban on the ..... of hazardous waste.

a) The weather centre keeps a ..... of the weather.

b) The role of the stenographer was to ..... the exchanges that took place in the courtroom.

a) We ..... our products to countries as far afield as Japan and Canada.

b) The ..... of ivory is now strictly controlled.

a) I took the radio back to the shop and asked for a .....

b) The holiday was cancelled so the travel agency had to ..... everybody the price of the tickets.