

Better Spoken English
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Lecture No. # 16
English Rhythm I

Good morning.

Good morning sir.

Once again, please and relax him with smile, good morning.

Good morning sir.

Are you alright

Yes sir.

Quite comfortable

Yes sir

Today, we begin the module of the course in spoken English. This module is called pronunciation module. We have been speaking English ever since, we begin learning English. English is not a foreign language in India; at least most parts of India. We have we we we have been hearing, and speaking English almost ever since our birth, am I right, am I right.

Yes sir.

Is there any own here, who did here any English English in his or her family Ashwini, there is some English in all our families. We have been thought English ever since, we went to school or almost ever since we went to school, am I right. Some people went to English medium school, public school, and board schools teach you English before the teach you Telugu or Hindi or English. Your parents also your parents, and grandparents also went out of the way to teach you English rhymes, before they taught you Telugu

rhymes. Am I right? Or Malayalam rhymes or Hindi rhymes am I am right Aman. Do you know this rhyme called twinkle twinkle little star; how many people do, please raise yours hands. Entire class my god it is like national anthem. So, we have been speaking English we have been talking English. And quiet often we have been, we we have done a good job. We have spoken English, and we have been understood by our friends and listeners. But there are certain aspects of the pronunciation of English, to which no one has drawn our attention.

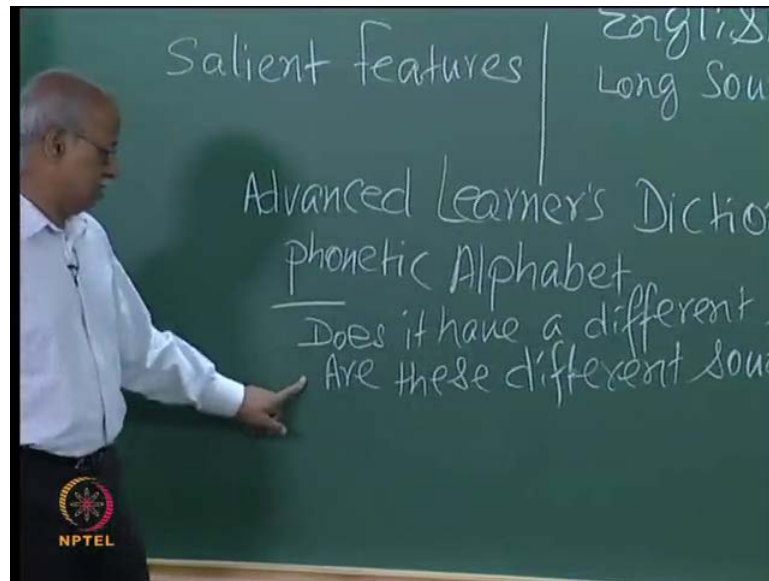
Do you get me right, I am not telling you we do know how to pronounce in English, but there are some features of pronunciation of English to which our attention has not been drawn. I will come back to it all of this month end, part of the next month. I will be talking only about pronunciation of English. The main question is why English sounds like English or why English sounds different from Telugu or Hindi or Malayalam or Vietnamese or Chinese or any other language. They have the same sounds like we have or nearly the same sounds like we have, yet what is the difference. So, when you hear in American professor, again if you do not look at him or her you you understand that this person is an American professor professor or this person is German professor or this person person is an Indian professor right.

They use the same words or nearly the same words. Why English sounds like English, when you hear another this question as, this question can be extended. When you here another Telugu speaker; do you have to ask if Telugu speaker or a native speaker of Telugu. You know his pronunciation or her pronunciation has something which tells you oh this friend is from Guntur or this friend friend is from Rajhmundry or this friend is from Trichur or from Trivandrum or from Kottayam. You know, there is something in the way, we speak which makes as unique. I make I make clear to you.

What is that uniqueness in in English. Why does English sound like English, not like Telugu or Hindi or in other words why does Hindi sound like Hindi, not like English. That is the question, we will try and answer first, and then we will try and see doing have those features in our pronunciation of English. If yes well and good, if no then we will try in learn are acquire those features. Is that allright - are you with me yes or no. are you with me.

Yes sir

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So, we are going to focus on some please write salient. What is the meaning of the word salient? Can you look up your dictionary quickly, those we have a dictionary quickly. what is the meaning of the word salient? Can you tell me, look and tell me fast - thirty seconds. The looking at a stop watch. What is the meaning of the word salient? Most important or noticeable - that is the important word noticeable, what is this word - what is this word?

Salient.

Salient, what is it?

Salient

What is it?

Salient

Salient most important and noticeable features of pronunciation of English. So, we are talking about, what are we talking about everybody please, what are we talking about.

Salient

What are we talking last bench my friends.

Yes.

Salient

Yes.

Salient features. Salient features of English please come again.

Salient features

Of English. Salient features of pronunciation of English actually, why English sound different from Hindi or from German or from Vietnam or from Bangle, no matter what language. You will try and see, if you have those features in our pronunciation, and if you had them while and good, if we do not will try and learn then during this one month. During this one month, it may not be adequate time you know, but you will atleast learn how to learn, and if you are determined in about a month you can acquire those features.

And I am not telling you, you must speak only in that manner with your friends. But we must learn another accent, and when you are in formal, Interdisciplinary, multi disciplinary, global situation use the accent because that is best understood. Let me go on to. I am going to play something very funny to you, but pay attention; you may close your eyes if you like, do not allow video to distract you. But pay attention to the sounds, are you with me everybody please, pay attention to the sound.

twinkle twinkle little star.

Does this girl speak like an Indian girl or like an American girl? Everybody please Indian or American.

American

What makes your think, her accent or sounds are longer spaced; listen to it again.

My favorite Uncle

What does she say?

My favorite Uncle

What does she say?

My favorite Uncle

My favorite Uncle, she does not say My favorite

My favorite Uncle

My favorite her sounds are clearly articulated, long sounds are long short sounds are,
long sounds are

Long.

Long, and short sounds are...

Short.

Short, and then there as gap may favourite uncle, Jagjith Singh uncle, you see the gap.

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Does this rhymes sound like English. They have a English words, but does it sound like English, listen have some fun and I am going to ask you, why it does not sound like English. So, am I clear to you. So, listen, watch have fun, but also keep your critical mind - critical faculty running.

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Akhil good fun, you know I I take it from you to you, is is long this girl imitates many other Indian accents of English you know. People from Karnataka, people from Malayalam, Kerala, people from Tamilnadu, people from other places as you know. I I just cut it short about three and three half minute four minutes. Why do these accents, sound different. What different is there between standard American English or standard British English, that this girl speaks - this girl speaks a standard American English. And the accents she imitates, what is the difference - why does she sound, you know why do these other actions from her mouth itself, not from another person. From this same girl, you know sound different. Then they are making the following reasons. English sounds like English, because it sounds are different right.

English speech sounds, long sounds are long. She she does not say favourite. What does she say favourite, what does she say favourite.

Favourite.

So, clearly this thing see clearly distinguish between a and e. Say, for example, look at the example, there are two vowel sounds pronounced here. This is long favourite long sounds are long, short sounds are very short. But we in India do not distinguish. So, much we do of course, we do, but our long sounds are not one kilo meter long, our short sounds are not one centimeter long short. There are differences, but not so much as in English.

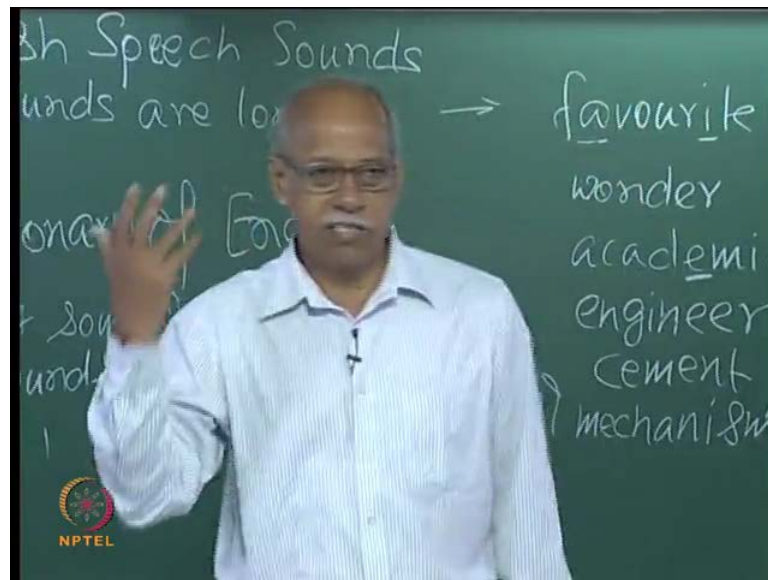
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And they are differently arranged, they way one sound follows another. For example, you you heard her do the Telugu pronunciation right. What is the characteristic of Telugu pronunciation in hard rendering, ending with you know she, but not that everyone word . That they do not say Hyderabad, they do not say andrapradesh, but that is a characteristic feature, so you know it is not that onwards in the , but you know a defining feature is salient feature of Telugu pronunciation of English is that they end. So, we have different coins of sounds, coming in different places in different languages. Do you understand? So, for example, if you look at south Indian languages, they mostly end in vowels and in m or n.

It is not so in the north Indian language, different languages that is what I have written. Different languages organize the same speech sounds differently am I clear to you. And the third reason is different parts of the sounds or different you know differently emphasized. Say, for example, this girl emphasize this sound.

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What does she say favourite. In the Bengali rendering of, in the Bengali rendering of that rhyme or in Telugu rendering of that rhyme, that girl exaggerates wonder or in Telugu rendering she says up above the words so high.

So, in Bengali rendering what does she say, how does she render Bengali speaking. [FL] adding another you know where as in English, different words in different sounds or differently emphasized. Say for a instance look at this word, what is this - what is this?

Academic

You speak loudly, do not worry what is this word.

Academic.

You are saying academic, you emphasize this sound. The way we pronounce this word in India, we emphasized the second vowel from the left; you say academic is not academic. The way standard English stress is, what is this - is academic. This sound is emphasized - what is this?

Academic

What is this?

Academic

What is this?

Academic

Everybody please what this.

Academic

Academic, lots of words you know in India we emphasize them differently. Two years later, you are going to become an not an engineer, you are going to become an engineer. What are you going to become.

Engineer

Engineer, something you know, something you like this. It is engi, and imagine you are saying this imagine you are saying this; what is this- engineer.

What is this?

Engineer

So, English emphasize is the same sequence of sounds differently. We have the same sequence of sounds. You know, in India in in in America, Canada, Australia, Brittan, Ireland. We have the same sequence of the sounds. But many of us who do not a speak or who do not always speak standard English, do not emphasizes it the same way; that is why I have advised you a good dictionary, a good advanced learner dictionary of English. Buy some book mark.

Is it correct?, I mean this is spelling alright. This look up to try, they have apostrophe here or here, correct Advanced learners dictionary of English. Buy a dictionary, of this kind it gives you pronunciation usage. In India, we have learn lot of English, but we have not paid attention to pronunciation a number of frequently occurring words, a large

number of frequently occurring words. I will give you examples from engineering sciences.

Look up your dictionary, how is this word pronounced, look up your dictionary. Please have you brought to dictionary, I asked to bring your dictionary to the class today, check those of you who have it come on quick, do not take more than longer than thirty seconds. Everybody please beginning tomorrow bring your dictionary. What is it right. check carefully is it the first is is it cement or cement, yeah can I see your dictionary yeah, it always the following various have trick.

Let us learn let us learn to look up dictionary. You know, usually in these dictionaries you have a stroke like this. Am I right. Say yes or no those who have dictionary, it is written what we call phonetic alphabet. This pronunciation is written in, what is this? Phonetic not phonetic not phone do not round your lips, just say phonetic what is this?

Phonetic

Phonetic, what is this alphabet - phonetic alphabet. So, in phonetic alphabet, it is written as, how do you pronounce. Now, this stroke indicates that the following vowels has emphasis has stress. So, how is it pronounced, cement I will give you another word, I I will check word which you. How do you pronounce it.

mechanism

Check, is it mechanism or mechanism. Ashwini you do not have a dictionary Aparna, you do not have a dictionary, every one you have one, those that have replaced it beginning tomorrow, bring your dictionary. No a a a stroke is before may a stroke is here, you have you have it is this am I write. So, you followed this stroke. So, its mechanism in phonetic alphabet, this means a what it means? So, this mechanism, there is no a here, is not mechanism there is no a here. So, do you see the difference - we use different sounds, we organize them differently, and emphasizes them differently, please write. We sound you know each language, sounds different from another language for these all the these three reasons. Number one, sometimes they have different sounds. Number two, there are differently organized, and third there are differently emphasized, close your eyes and tell me. I will again ask you, why this English sounds different from Telugu, because number one.

Sounds are different.

Sounds are different. Some sound are different not all some sounds are different. Next they are often differently arranged, and next they are differently emphasis. How do pronouns this word. It is not competence, it is competence how do you pronouns this word.

competence

It is component, whose English has a bewildering variety in the way, it emphasizes its words different part of the words. Of course, we can learn; of course learning those words, those that pronunciation is not very difficult. You all all you have do is do pay attention, in the coming weeks you know, I will draw your attention to some principles some rules. But you will have to work hard, you will have to use your dictionary, frequently for certain time of words. And as you learn the meaning, you will also have learn the pronunciation, and in many cases you already know the meaning of the word, but I will encourage, you to look up pronunciation of this known words right, any number of words will will come to that.

I will once again play the same you know caricature teacher that the girl does of Indian accents of English. I will now ask you to listen for how a Telugu speaker or Bengali speaker or Gujarati speaker or Punjabi speaker render his rhyme. Twinkle twinkle little and what difference is there. What why it sounds different from standard English pronunciation, you will other words, you will have to tell me what is different – is it differently organized, is it differently emphasized. Am I clear to you, Am I clear to you yes or no; if it is I will repeat once again. Listen to these rhymes again, listen to the caricature of these rhymes; you know what a caricature is?, when you make fun of somebody when you exaggerate on certain peculiarities that becomes caricature, and I am going to ask you to listen for these words

Thus Punjabi rendering of this rhyme have a different sound, what different - why is different number two are...

Are these sounds- are these different sounds, differently organized. What is the question - what is the question?

Are these different sounds, differently organized

Speak speak slowly, it is possible are this different sounds...

Are this different sounds...

Differently organized

Differently organized

Come again.

Are these different sounds, differently organized.

And finally, are these different sound differently emphasized, how do you pronounce it, emphasized. I will play it try and listen and have fun. You know human beings have two coin of parallel process going on. They can eat given food, they can also know whether this food has adequate salt, whether it has more chilly then it ought to have. You listen to one another and yet you can think of something else. Is that correct? Just now it is happening that way try to listen to me but your mind is somewhere else. So, do this parallel processing listen to the rhyme, and see how it is different? I play it once again.

What does the girl say tell me

Student conversation not audible

some of noise. Here, attention to do to the difference of learn pay the attention to the differences of the length.

Now I will go on, I will not pause but make a mental note

What difference was there in Punjabi pronunciation the way this little girl does it? How does she distinguish Punjabi pronunciation from... camera will catch you just one minute, you do not have they write complete sentence is make a note. What difference every one please one person twinkle little star, she gives you know typical Punjabi. She ends a word in a for twinkle - a twinkle a note the has same learn has English, has you as English has greater length for less sound twinkle what to get, and there is a no a at the end of English pronunciation it is not twinkle, but in Punjabi pronunciation this girl

makes it twinkle. Next time, I give the next I am going to play. It is another set of people pay attention to how they emphasize and what differences there are? Right.

Make note what the difference this accent this standard accent. And we elongates differently organized, differently emphasized instead of high what does she say high different each language has its own rhythm.

And what is rhythm those of you know will the music rhythm is only two things to gather time, and length and also pictures I talk be back later, but two things. You know, how much time you give each sound that will determined, and then you know how quickly. And another sounds come or how delight will we speak English, you know you speak most of the time English words in our mother tongue accent, as we suddenly terminating each word a and o. But the length gap between the words, it produces minimum like, in other those in our language is look at this. Next tension, again take notes please aspect everybody aspect last three benches in this row, also join this question please on my left hand.

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What are the difference is there this girl. Make all words end in when she emitted of pronunciation right is any other difference make a note, make a note is there. Any other difference, we said yeah sometimes unnecessarily long right. It long it differently makes the notes can you give the example, which one yeah as we extra work IEEE are provides ship wonder W O N D E R. How does she enter any other difference, let us go to than next play.

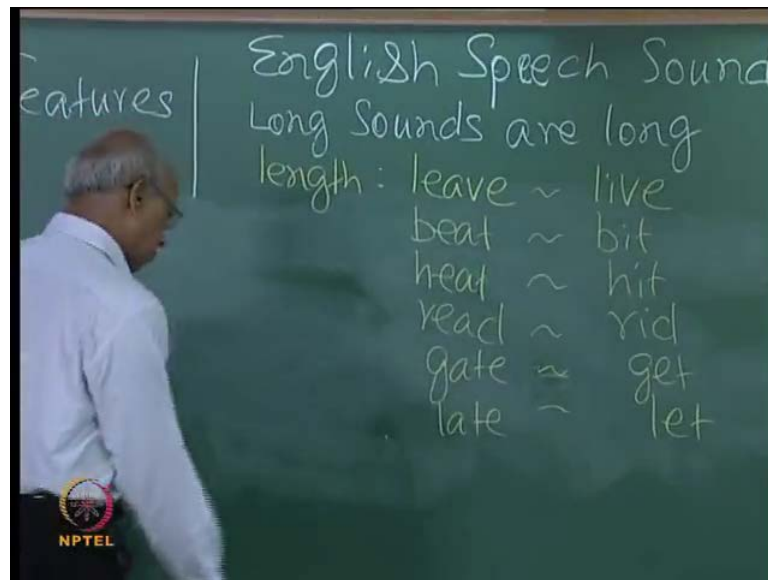
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What is the salient feature of the Gujarati pronunciation anything else, any difference in emphasizes, any difference. Any gap in time hardly in gap, you know will I am script quickly in instruction of the other in our pronunciation of English is many of us long realities speaker to English.

And learn, you know are non standard speaker English is our words are alright. In educated English pronunciation, in India we do the good job of grammar. We do good job choice of words, but we do not pay attention to these little thing. What are these little

things that, we do not make long sounds, and long laugh. In other words, we those students those teacher those of us whose attention has not we drawn. So, this is difference is we do not keep length difference is as, we clearly as we are to difference of length in English very.

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Clear the difference between short and long sounds. So for instance, you have what is this leave, but you also have what is this, learn in English. What is this, but you also have what is this in English you have, and what is this lots of differences - you know what is this - what is this and what is this. And what is this, lots of you words you know, not one not two, Will I said bail, what is that spelling b a i is not i, learn properly it is i and l, but when say bell - what is this spelling, b e l l.

When I say tail - t a i l, when I say tail what is spelling t a i l; tell you give another spelling for tale...

Tale.

For when I said tell what is spelling t e everybody please l l, when I say failed f a i l, but when say fell - f e l l. When I say sail s a i l, but when I say sell s e l l. English has in normal differences you know. And unfortunately or fortunately, this 500 words appears you know this called pair of words occur. These are 500 basic words in English. These are the first 500 words you learnt in English. They only to look up a dictionary to see

what it means, know there are the basic words before you attain, you new this words. In English is speaking. in English is speaking in communities, children learn the word before there are five. And English is the shoot difference between long, and short sounds. Many of us do not keep that distension you know, when I you know I conform be hard when we go there our languages, we do not that kind of it enough other difference is which English do not have each language.

Hope be clarity that's uniqueness, if you ask somebody there why do you leave. And my friend my tell you a live part, what is it doing when you tell you leave it is larger keeping - short long keep it long. And, if you speak that way do you mean l e a v e are l i v e, that is one different that we have different length of sound sounds of each language differ differ in not only length. They also differ in feature in India, in in among us you those of us we speak Hindi, Telugu you know you do not say, what is Hindi word for flower flower. We do not flow what is this both lips coming to gather, and then said flow we said pad apt you do not us pas apt that to be English. But English people produce the same word, same sounds with their low and upper teeth not both lips.

Similarly, we say you know when you here when you see a English word, how is it pronouns to the English low and lip go close to upper teeth do not close to, but not touching. It is live what is that keep doing live please catch the lips. I hope keep doing live, we do not have the sound, we have I the baa we say as some lip on this turn etcetera. You say about very good, you denote the very good is the very good both lips coming to gather, in south you go the other extreme low lip it recurs live.

Why do you live all the very good last, I was in haven I came the last week from Hyderabad to Chennai. In air hosts speak in, and Indian said the air line it is very very many times is not the very many times. It is way, what is this way many times. So, the sound differing feature, we have acquired those features. If you want to speak, any language those the spoken English standard for and her emphasis different of emphasis. We cannot say engineer, we should say engineer what should say engineer, we cannot say academic.

We should say academic, we cannot say cement we should say cement we cannot say mechanism; we should say mechanism we cannot say environment for it environment lots of words. You know, and will come back in this four to five weeks middle of march

we will try look, some of these feature of English pronunciation. I already told you, these sounds are different - not all sounds different for some, what they I differ in length are the differing features. We also are many Indian language will be sound, but our note as are is long as English with a mark it, but this is a mark it what do this is mark what is in English.

Pronunciation this is father - what is this father, but act home we do not know father is a father. We do not say father they extremely they inordinate long, because these difference length is an important features. In their pronunciation, and the sounds are differently arrange. They do not have a or o at the end, whereas many of our language is have those things. We have to also learn of thing, and of course stress is different. I will tell you tomorrow, English sounds devise in groups, would girl said - the girl say favourite uncle, justice is my favourite uncle. That she has pales (()) uncle. So, they English are gives sounds this groups, and theses groups are separated by one another by false. We will my mouth those class is tomorrow, and always told you about different lengths, and sound coming from different parts of mouth. Thanks you very much, have a good day.