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The hardest part about improving your English pronunciation is figuring out what you might be doing wrong. Here are the reasons why people might be misunderstanding you, and some quick tips for how to fix each of these issues.

Stressing individual words incorrectly

It's very hard for native English speakers to 'translate' a word spoken as 'caLENDAR' to the way they would pronounce it, 'CALendar'.

If you don't pay close attention to the words that you stress, you could end up sending a completely different message than the one you intended.

Stressing the wrong words in a sentence

Remember that you can completely change the meaning of a sentence by stressing different words in that sentence.

Pronouncing certain consonant sounds incorrectly

Pay attention to how you use your voice when you speak. You should be able to feel the vibration of your vocal cords when you make voiced sounds (b, d, g, v, z, r, l, m, n, ng, dge, zh, and voiced th).

One more time I am very thankful to the entire team of DDU-KK, for this ever successful e-bulletin, to enhance the knowledge and skills of the students.



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Importance of Communication Skills in Vocational Courses

Aristotle rightly said that 'man is a social animal by nature' and therefore can't survive without communication. Human beings have a compulsive urge to communicate as more than seventy percent of their time is spent in communicating with each other. In the contemporary world, appropriate communication is required for an individual's personal, academic and professional success. There are different modes of communication: verbal and non-verbal, oral and written, formal and informal, and internal and external. It is important to represent oneself as positive and professional not just by words, but through actions as well.

Vocational courses are usually aimed at equipping students with practical skills for a specific profession and communication skill is one of the prominent practical skills, any student must have. Communication not only comprises skills like listening, speaking, reading, and writing but also teaches us the right style, tone, voice, gesture, posture, expression, appearance, touch, eye contact, the importance of silence etc. Practical skills prepare a student to earn his livelihood and communication skill gives him or her a quality in all sphere of life.



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Power of Words

Words can do wonders. It can cheer, it can tear, it can heal, it can seal, it gives pleasure and it brings sorrow. So what's this vocabulary after all, it's your way of expression, good vocabulary helps you to express yourself and communicate effectively. Vocabulary depends on your thinking process your thoughts & precision to use.

To improve vocabulary read as much as you can play word games and set a goal to learn a new word each day.

As said Words can do Wonders, you just cannot take them back once spoken, it's better to use them judiciously at the proper place at proper time and with proper person.

A good vocabulary enhances your happiness as well as others.



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Effects of Bad Communication

“Communication is the key” they say. But when this beautiful gift of God is misused, under or over used by the human it causes many hazardous problems. But the good thing is that whatever problem caused due to bad Communication only Communication can solve that. Let us discuss few of the effects of bad Communication

Very first effect is misconception. People many a time use wrong words and language or body language. Most of the time it the tone of the voice which creates misconception. Broken relationship is one of the most widespread effect of bad Communication. Use of bad language and harsh body language certain time cause closest relation. Miscommunication, loss of information, loss of interest and many more problematic issues generated by bad

Communication. Right or effective

Communication is the foremost need to be successful in personal as well as professional life.

"Good Communication leads your path to glory."

Common Mistakes in English

We all often make mistakes when writing in English, some do knowingly and some unknowingly. But as it is said you will make mistakes and everyone does but that's why Pencils have Erasers. Some writing mistakes are very common and frequently seen in both printed material and online. A few of them are described here-

Affect/Effect- *Affect* is a verb

E.g.:- Sometimes the weather affects my mood

Effect is a noun

E.g.:- The effect of weather on ice cream sales is well documented

Apostrophes- Apostrophe is used either to indicate a possession or a contraction.

Using apostrophe for contraction- where one or more letters have been dropped an apostrophe is used as a replacement

E.g.:- it is- it's, do not – don't, I am – I'm etc.



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Writing Errors in English Language

There are some main types of errors in written language: spelling, missing comma, incorrect construction of questions and incorrect plural word. Two of them are explained below.

Spelling: Most common errors is a spelling error. That's because spell checkers cannot identify many misspellings, and are most likely to miss homonyms (e.g., **presence/presents**), compound words incorrectly spelled as separate words, and proper nouns, particularly names.

Missing Comma after an Introductory Element: Use a comma after every introductory element- whether word, phrase or clause- to clarify where it ends and the rest of the sentence begins. When the introductory element is very short, you can skip the comma, but including it is never wrong. Without a comma after the introductory element, it's hard to see the location of the subject (“they”) in this sentence.

E.g.:- *Determined to make their flight on time they rose at dawn.*



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