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Дана розробка є додатком до підручників з фонетики англійської мови “Headway Pronunciation”, де підібраний теоретичний матеріал, яким повинні оволодіти студенти першого курсу факультету романо-германських мов згідно з програмою курсу та в межах встановлених навчальним планом годин.

Мета розробки є ознайомлення студентів із фонетичною системою англійської мови, яка складається із наступних чотирьох компонентів: мовні звуки, складова структура слів, словесний наголос та інтонація.

INTRODUCTION

Look over the following list of ten key pronunciation goals that you will learn. Think of these goals as targets – as something to aim for. As you aim for these targets you will be mastering the sounds, intonation, and rhythm patterns that can make your English speech more effective.

Target 1. Word Stress. Say all the syllables in the word. Signal the stressed syllable by making it longer, louder, and higher in pitch.

Target 2. Linking Words and Finishing Syllables. Link the words in a phrase into one connected chunk of speech. Say all the consonants sounds at the ends of syllables and word, especially important endings such as final “s” and “ed”.

Target 3. Intonation Groups (Sense Groups). Divide longer sentence into phrases, or, intonation groups, to make your speech easier to understand. Each intonation group has its own focus word and melody, and is followed by a slight pause. Signal the end of the sentence with the biggest pause and change in pitch.

Target 4. Focus Word. Emphasize one word in each intonation group to focus attention on what is most important and to highlight new information. Focus words are easier to hear than other words because the stressed syllables sound longer, slower, and louder.

Target 5. Sentence Stress and Unstress. Stress the content words. They provide most of the meaning. Unstress the structure words, but do not leave them out. They are important to grammar and speech rhythm.

Target 6. Reductions. Shorten the unstressed words used in everyday speech. Native speakers often say a schwa vowel (the short unclear vowel sound heard in unstressed syllables and words) in these shortened, or reduced, words. Sometimes sounds are omitted.

Target 7. Speech Melody. Use intonation to organize your speech and to express meaning beyond the words themselves, for example, to sound friendly, or confident, or surprised. Target specific melody patterns for asking questions and finishing sentences (end of the sentence intonation).

Target 8. Specific Intonation Patterns. To make your speech easier to understand and more native-like, pronounce the correct intonation and stress in compound nouns, descriptive phrases, names, and phrasal verbs.

Target 9. Clear Vowels Sounds. The most important thing about pronouncing vowels is to emphasize the stressed vowels. You may also want to target specific vowel sounds that you find difficult.

Target 10. Consonants. Target consonant clusters or pairs of voiced and unvoiced consonant sounds that you find difficult, such as /f/ and /v/; /tʃ/, /j/ and /ʃ/; /θ/, /ð/; /r/ and /l/; /w/ and /v/. Distinguish between sounds where the air stops, and sounds where the air continues to flow out.

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