

**Syllabic Pronunciation Practice
(TOEFL, TOEIC level words)**

adj.	noun	verb	noun
civil	civility	civilize	civilization
equal	equality	equalize	equalization
fertile	fertility	fertilize	fertilization
final	finality	finalize	finalization
general	generality	generalize	generalization
hospital	hospitality	hospitalize	hospitalization
legal	legality	legalize	legalization
mobile	mobility	mobilize	mobilization
national	nationality	nationalize	nationalization
neutral	neutrality	neutralize	neutralization
personal	personality	personalize	personalization
real	reality	realize	realization
stable	stability	stabilize	stabilization
sterile	sterility	sterilize	sterilization

Section D - Nouns vs. Verbs

The stress is placed on the first syllable of a **noun** and the second syllable of a **verb** (usually with a ə in the first syllable).

Noun	Verb	extract	extract	produce	produce
conflict	conflict	import	import	project	project
contract	contract	object	object	record	record
defect	defect	permit	permit	refuse	refuse
digest	digest	protest	protest		
export	export	present	present		

Special Considerations for alternate pronunciations

noun/adj vs. verb

advocate	advocate
appropriate	appropriate
approximate adj.	approximate
associate	associate
degenerate	degenerate
delegate	delegate
deliberate adj.	deliberate
duplicate	duplicate
elaborate adj.	elaborate
estimate	estimate
graduate	graduate
moderate	moderate
subordinate	subordinate

Common Word Endings and Syllabic Stress

Look for *syllabic* and *spelling patterns* whenever you learn new vocabulary.

Vocab. List 1 -ial

aerial	social	glacial	special	judicial
burial	trivial	partial	crucial	financial
racial				

Vocab. List 2 -ion -ior -ian -iar (yən/yər)

onion	billion	battalion	Indian	peculiar
union	million	senior	Christian	familiar
opinion	trillion	savior	valiant	billiards
dominion	rebellion	junior	brilliant	

Vocab. List 3 -ow

shadow	bellow	follow	swallow	sorrow
meadow	yellow	mellow	sparrow	furrow
widow	shallow	wallow	borrow	narrow
window	fellow	gallows	morrow	

Vocab. List 4 -ient (yənt)

quotient	transient	efficient	obedient	convenient
patient	lenient	proficient	expedient	ingredient
ancient	deficient	sufficient	recipient	

Vocab. List 5 -tion (shun)

nation	potion	dictation	deviation	numeration
station	portion	donation	desperation	operation
lotion	cessation	duration	liberation	toleration
motion	collation	formation	mediation	trepidation
notion	creation	frustration	moderation	valuation

Vocab. List 6 -sure (zhur)

measure	treasure	disclosure	exposure
pleasure	leisure	composure	enclosure

Vocab. List 7 -sion (zhyun)

allusion	intrusion	occasion	abrasion	precision
illusion	exclusion	evasion	vision	provision
conclusion	delusion	corrosion	collision	cohesion
confusion	diffusion	explosion	derision	

Vocab. List 8 -t/cious -ssion -nsion -cian (shyus/shyun)

cautious	passion	succession	ocean	patrician
gracious	admission	transgression	logician	physician
spacious	compression	mansion	magician	
specious	expression	pension	musician	
precious	impression	tension	tactician	
concussion	oppression	pretension	optician	

Vocab. List 9 -ture (chur)

future	lecture	creature	departure	acupuncture
nature	nurture	fracture	recapture	architecture
suture	pasture	juncture	conjecture	signature
capture	picture	moisture	manufacture	legislature
culture	rupture	scripture	furniture	temperature
feature	texture	sculpture	miniature	agriculture
fixture	torture	structure	forfeiture	
gesture	venture	adventure	literature	

Vocab. List 10 -ology

analogy	zoology	cosmology	archeology	seismology
biology	ideology	mythology	cardiology	technology
ecology	oncology	radiology	immunology	meteorology
geology	theology	sociology	psychology	anthropology

Vocab. List 11 -ate

amalgamate	concatenate	decapitate	evacuate	retaliate
assassinate	confabulate	elaborate	infatuate	evaporate
capacitate	congratulate	emancipate	invalidate	
coagulate	contaminate	eradicate	procrastinate	

Vocab. List 12 -ious -eous -uous

harmonious	illustrious	victorious	spontaneous	conspicuous
precarious	laborious	mysterious	erroneous	contiguous
vicarious	industrious	notorious	ambiguous	impetuous

Vocab. List 13 -al

additional	medical	occasional	seasonal
exceptional	national	personal	sensational

Vocab. List 14 -ic

acidic	analytic	energetic	scientific	photographic
allergic	dramatic	horrific	terrific	

Vocab. List 15 -ary

dictionary	missionary	necessary	revolutionary	stationary
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Common compound-word endings

Compounds List 1 -wide -worthy -wise

citywide	seaworthy	blameworthy	edgewise	otherwise
statewide	newsworthy	trustworthy	likewise	lengthwise
worldwide	noteworthy	praiseworthy	clockwise	streetwise
nationwide				

Compounds List 2 -ways

airways	freeways	pathways	tollways	entryways
runways	gateways	railways	walkways	stairways
subways	hallways	roadways	alleyways	breezeways
fairways	highways	sideways	driveways	expressways

Compounds List 3 -ward

inward	westward	wayward	eastward	frontward
onward	awkward	backward	homeward	northward
toward	forward	downward	afterward	southward

Compounds List 4 -some

awesome	toilsome	wholesome	burdensome	quarrelsome
fearsome	loathsome	worrisome	cumbersome	troublesome
tiresome	wearisome	bothersome	meddlesome	adventuresome

Compounds List 5 -ship

kingship	mentorship	leadership	showmanship	relationship
lordship	dealership	membership	sponsorship	salesmanship
township	fellowship	penmanship	stewardship	assistantship
judgeship	friendship	citizenship	workmanship	craftsmanship
ownership	internship	scholarship	championship	

Compounds List 6 -less

ageless	headless	restless	countless	sugarless
jobless	heedless	seamless	faithless	worthless
lawless	hopeless	selfless	heartless	breathless
careless	lifeless	spotless	humorless	groundless
faceless	listless	timeless	priceless	motionless
fearless	nameless	tireless	scoreless	speechless
flawless	painless	blameless	shameless	weightless
hairless	reckless	ceaseless	stainless	worthless

Compounds List 7 -ness

fitness	dampness	highness	mildness	awareness
illness	deafness	idleness	neatness	dizziness
madness	fondness	laziness	openness	eagerness
oneness	gladness	likeness	soreness	emptiness
witness	goodness	meekness	weakness	

Syllabic Stress

Syllabic. List 1 stress on 1st of 3 syllables (weak on 3rd)

dignity	instrument	cabinet	festival	cylinder
increment	arrogant	poetry	clarify	general
animal	embassy	faculty	secrecy	memory
diligent	interest	capital	classical	vacancy
cruelty	fluency	factory	scrutiny	happiness
annual	benefit	literal	gallery	mineral
industry	justify	family	medical	different
decency	enemy	luxury	currency	minister
accident	calender	citizen	melody	difficult

Syllabic. List 2 stress on 2nd of 3 syllables

apparent	amendment	illegal	survivor	unequal
agreement	establish	invalid	diminish	dramatic
arrival	assassin	opponent	refreshment	abandon
confinement	enrollment	consider	transparent	specific
amazement	assembly	deliver	distinguish	surrender
decipher	attachment	prohibit	reluctant	impostor
affected	attendant	subscriber	remember	accomplish
encampment	heroic	protector	volcano	improper
denial	beginning	astonish	domestic	

Syllabic. List 3 stress on 3rd of 3 syllables (weak on 1st)

indirect	disagree	volunteer	intercede	contradict
overtake	supersede	recollect	apprehend	undersell
misbehave	overturn	importune	introduce	
incorrect	domineer	undermine	condescend	
refugee	overrun	recommend	understand	
intermix	immature	reprehend	misapply	

Syllabic. List 4 stress on 1st of 4 syllables (weak on 3rd)

ceremony	allegory	salutary	mandatory	voluntary
customary	epilepsy	commissary	sedentary	patrimony
momentary	accuracy	sanctuary	matrimony	testimony
adversary	emissary	controversy	promissory	planetary
delicacy	purgatory	inventory	sumptuary	tributary
alimony	commentary	secretary	military	mercenary
difficulty	intimacy	monastery	territory	

Syllabic. List 5 stress on 2nd of 4 syllables

gramm ^a rian	mat ^u rity	brut ^a lity	val ⁱ idity	part ⁱ cular
variety	comm ^u nity	gram ^m atical	vicinity	democ ^r acy
historian	mem ^o rial	habit ^u al	morality	polit ⁱ cal
activity	advers ⁱ ty	sign ⁱ ficant	apology	equival ^e nt
centurion	analogy	coinc ⁱ dent	necess ⁱ ty	econom ^y
librarian	anatom ^y	ident ⁱ ty	astrology	geomet ^r y
material	secu ^r ity	compar ⁱ son	astronomy	monopol ^y
accessory	antagon ⁱ st	compet ⁱ tor	biography	
communicate	formality	conspir ^a cy	electrical	

Syllabic. List 6 stress on 3rd of 4 syllables (weak on 1st)

anteced ^e nt	appar ^a tus	orient ^a l	scien ^t ific	system ^a tic
manifesto	memorandum	ornament ^a l	accident ^a l	aromat ⁱ c

correspondent horizontal fundamental innuendo
detrimental energetic universal

Syllabic. List 7 stress on 2nd of 5 syllables (weak on 4th)

contemporary	exclamatory	derogatory	inflammatory
prohibitory	consolatory	hereditary	preliminary
declamatory	explanatory	involuntary	observatory
defamatory	depository	incendiary	
vocabulary	extemporary	repository	

Syllabic. List 8 stress on 3rd of 5 syllables (weak on 1st)

ambiguity	importunity	perspicuity	introductory	monosyllable
contradictory	notoriety	hospitality	irresistible	argumentative
credibility	opportunity	illegitimate	magnanimity	plausibility
dictatorial	fallibility	imperceptible	alphabetical	
epicurean	perpetuity	intellectual	metaphysical	
elementary	genealogy	testimonial	analytical	

Syllabic. List 9 stress on 4th of 5 syllables (weak on 1st)

administrat ion	organiz ation	amplific ation
associat ion	determin ation	qualific ation
abbreviat ion	edific ation	multipl ication
appreciat ion	accommod ation	modific ation

Relaxed Speech.

Most common Uses of relaxed pronunciation

A. t or d at end of word

t + you	t + your	d + you	d + your
-cha/u	-chur	-ja/u	-jur

can't you = cancha/u

get you = getcha
get your = getchur

meet your = meechur
meet you = meecha/u

need you = neeja/u
need your = neejur

examples:

Can't you wait a few minutes longer = Cancha/u wait a few minutes longer?

I will get you sooner or later = I'll getcha/u sooner or later.
Get your coat, we are leaving = Getchur coat, we're leaving.

I will meet you at the diner = I'll meecha/u at the diner.
I would like to meet your mother = I'd like to meechur mother.

I need you to get something for me = I neeja/u to get som'n for me.
I do not need your money = I don't neejur money.
I will pretend you didn't say that. = I'll pretendja din't say that.

B. s or z sound at end of words

s + your	s(as z) + your	
-shur	-zhur	(zhur as in pleasure, measure)

examples:

Do not press your luck = Don't preshur luck.
Do not mess your hair up = Don't meshur hair up.

He has your money = He hazhur money.
I need to size your coat for tomorrow = I needa sizhur coat for tomorrow.
Please, close your window = Please, clozhur window.

C. blending with "to"

going to = gonna want to = wanna got to = godda
have to = hafta has to = hasta used to = usta
supposed to = sposta (supposta)

examples:

Are we going to go the movies = Are we gonna go to the movies?
Are we going to do this or not = Are we gonna do this or not?

I want to buy a coat = I wanna buy a coat.

We have got to hurry = We've gotta hurry.

We have to hurry = We hafta hurry?

John has to get up early = John hasta geddup early.
She has to leave now = She hasta leave now.

I am used to the cold weather = I'm usta the cold weather.
I used to jog a lot = I usta jog a lot.

Mark is supposed to bring the drinks = Mark is sposta bring the drinks.
It is supposed to rain today = It's sposta rain today.

D. What do/does/did | What are | What would

What do you want to do = Waddaya wanna do?
= Whatcha wanna do?

What do you want = Waddaya want? /
= Whatcha want?

What does he want = Wadduzzee want?

What did you want = Whaja want?

What are you doing = Whaddaya doin'?
= Whatcha doing?

What would you like = Wawuja like?

E. Modal + have

should have = shooda could have = cooda would have = wooda
must have = musta may have = maya might have = myda

should not have = shoodna could not have = coodna
would not have = woodna

examples:

You should have been here sooner = You shoulda been here sooner.

I could have slept all day = I coulda slept all day.

I would have helped if you had asked = I wooda helped if you'd asked.

He must have known = He musta' known.

She may have lost it = She maya lost it.

I might have seen it in the back = I myda seen it in the back.

You should not have come here = You shouldna come here.

He could not have done it = He couldna dunit.

I would not have told her = I woodna told'er.

F. What is your, her, his

What is your = whatcher What is her = whatser What is his = whatsiz

What is your name = Whatcher name?

What is her name = Whatser name?

What is his name = Whatsiz name?

G. Other common uses

need some = neesum

I need some money = I neesum money.

let me = lemme

Let me give you a hand = Lemme give ya a hand

give me = gimme

Give me your money, or die = Gimmee your money, or die!

because = 'cause

I do not like it because it is too sweet = I don't like it 'cause it's too sweet.

come on = c'mon (hurry)

Come on, let's go = C'mon, lessgo.

miss your = mishur

I really miss your great pies = I really mishur great pies.

called you = cawju

I called you yesterday = I cawdju yesterday.

how did you = howja/u

How did you know where to find me = Howja know where to find me?

get out of = gedouda

Let's get out of here = Let's gedouda here.

do you want to = jawanna | yawanna

Do you want to come along = Jawanna come along?
= Yawanna come along?

what will = whad'll

What will he do next = Whad'll he do next?

ought to = otta

We ought to pack early = We otta pack early.

when do you = When d'ya

When do you think you will come = When d'ya think you'll come?

did you ever = ja/u ever

did you ever see that movie = Ja ever see that movie

kind of = kinda

I kind of thought so = I kinda thought so.

sort of = sorta

I sort of got lost = I sorta' got lost.

a lot of = alotta

We are having a lot of fun = W'ere havin' alotta fun.

