

Common pronunciation mistakes

English Word	Common Polish Mispronunciation	Correct (BE)	Key Issue
Answer	/ansʃer/	/ˈɑːnsə/	Silent w
Career	/karjer/	/kəˈrɪə(r)/	Stress & vowel reduction
Chaos	/szaos/	/ˈkeɪɒs/	ch = /k/
Chestnut	/tʃestnat/	/ˈtʃesnʌt/	Silent t
Choir	/czoir/	/ˈkwaɪə(r)/	ch = /k/
Climb	/klajmb/	/klaɪm/	Silent b
Clothes	/kloʒiz/	/kləʊðz/	th sound
Colleague	/kolega/	/ˈkɒliːg/	Silent ue
Colonel	/kolonel/	/ˈkɜːnəl/	Irregular pronunciation
Comfort	/komfort/	/ˈkʌmfət/	Vowel reduction
Comfortable	/komfortejbʌ/	/ˈkʌmf(ə)təbl/	Syllable reduction
Cupboard	/kapbord/	/ˈkʌbəd/	Silent p
Debt	/debt/	/det/	Silent b
Determine	/determin/	/dɪˈtɜːmɪn/	ɜː vowel
Development	/diwelopment/	/dɪˈveləpmənt/	Word stress
Entrepreneur	/entreprenur/	/ˌɒntreɪprəˈnɜː/	Stress
Focus	/foʃkus/	/ˈfəʊkəs/	əʊ vowel
Foreign	/forejdʒin/	/ˈfɒrən/	Silent g
Half	/half/	/hɑːf/	Vowel length
Height	/hejt/	/haɪt/	ght ending
Hierarchy	/hijerarchy/	/ˈhaɪərəːki/	h + stress
Hotel	/ˈhəʊtel/	/həʊˈtel/	Stress
Idea	/ajdia/	/aɪˈdɪə/	Stress
Iron	/ajron/	/ˈaɪən/	Silent r
Island	/island/	/ˈaɪlənd/	Silent s

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Jewellery	/dʒewelri/	/ˈdʒuːəlri/	Syllable reduction
Knowledge	/knoʃledʒ/	/ˈnɒlɪdʒ/	Silent k
Listen	/listn/	/ˈlɪsn/	Silent t
Muscle	/maskul/	/ˈmʌsəl/	Silent c
Purpose	/purpoʃz/	/ˈpɜːpəs/	ɜː vowel
Queue	/klej/	/kjuː/	Silent letters
Receipt	/reseipt/	/rɪˈsiːt/	Silent p
Recipe	/resejp/	/ˈresəpi/	Stress
Rural	/rural/	/ˈrʊərəl/	r & l
Salmon	/salmon/	/ˈsæmən/	Silent l
Schedule	/szedʒul/	/ˈʃedjuːl/	sch cluster
Stomach	/stomaczi/	/ˈstʌmək/	ch = /k/
Successful	/ˈsaksesful/	/səkˈsesfəl/	Stress
Think	/sink/	/θɪŋk/	th + /ŋ/ sound
Though	/taug/	/ðəʊ/	th + gh
Thought	/toʃt/	/θɔːt/	th
Through	/θruːg/	/θruː/	Silent gh
Thousand	/taʃzend/	/ˈθaʊzənd/	th
Vehicle	/wehikel/	/ˈviːə.kəl/	Silent h
Wednesday	/ʃednesdej/	/ˈwenzdeɪ/	Silent d
Woman	/ʃomen/	/ˈwʊmən/	ʊ vowel
Worcestershire	/ʃorczesterszajr/	/ˈwʊstəʃə/	Silent syllables
Would	/wuld/	/wʊd/	Silent l
Yacht	/jacht/	/jɒt/	Silent ch
Vegetable	/wedʒitejbʌ/	/ˈvedʒtəbl/	Syllable reduction