ES-E 275

Sound Check

Perfect your Pronunciation

Content and aims

Does pseudo sound like sue? Is the committee unanimous? No comment!— Does the pronunciation of English words sometimes surprise you? Welcome to Vienna! Jazz or chess? Do you ever wonder if your accent is OK when speaking at international meetings? Want to know what the Top 10 pronunciation mistakes of Austrian civil servants are? We can help you avoid them. Come and check out the “Sound of English”, try it out for yourself, get feedback and lots of practical tips.

In this fun, hands-on seminar you will learn about:

- Problem sounds and how to handle them—e. g. W vs V
- Spoken vs. written words:
  - silent letters & surprising sounds—how does pseudo sound in English?
  - word stress—do you say COMMITtee or comMITtee? COMMENT or comMENT?
- Sentence patterns— three key differences to German:
  - rhythm
  - linking
  - melody

Working method

- Analysing spoken language—How do native speakers say it?
- Practical exercises and individual feedback
- Useful pronunciation rules (Yes, there are some of those!)
- Optional online follow-up and tips for further practice

Target group

People who want to improve their English pronunciation.
This seminar is open to people with CEFR levels B1, B2 and higher.

Trainers

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Time & venue
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Tips
If you want to work on getting things like tenses and prepositions right, come to “Getting it Right”.  
For practice and correction of your written English, come to “Drafting Professional Texts”.

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