Sound Check 1

Perfect your pronunciation of English words and sounds

Content and aims
Does *pseudo* sound like *sue*? Is the committee unanimous? *Jazz or chess?* No *comment?*
Does the pronunciation of English words sometimes surprise you? Do you ever wonder if your accent is OK when speaking at international meetings? We can show you the most common pronunciation mistakes Austrian civil servants make and help you avoid them. Come and check out the “Sound of English”, try it out for yourself, get rid of those Austrian sounds and 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. *jazz vs chess*
- 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*?
- typical pronunciation mistakes of German speakers (and Austrians in particular)

To find out how to combine these elements with the “melody” of English sentences, come to “Sound Check 2”.

Working method
- Analysing spoken language—How do native speakers say it?
- Lots of practice 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
Length: 4 x 1.5 hours
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- Monday 25 May, 10.00-11.30
- Tuesday 26 May, 10.00-11.30
- Wednesday 27 May, 10.00-11.30
- Thursday 28 May, 10.00-11.30
Venue: Online

Organisation
In the hands of: Ursula Eder

Tips
To perfect your English pronunciation at the sentence level, come to “Sound Check 2”. For more work on correctness in spoken and written English, come to “Getting it Right”. To learn more about what native speakers do to produce those “typical English” sounds, come to “Effective Listening”.

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