

Sound Check 1 – Online

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. Check out the “Sound of English”, try it out for yourself, get rid of those Austrian sounds and get lots of practical tips.

In this fun, hands-on webinar 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” in early 2021.

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 120-minute sessions
Seminar number: OT-ES-E 275
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Venue: online, using video-conferencing
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Tip

To practise understanding various accents of English native speakers, try out our “Effective Listening” online course.

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