

METHODS OF TEACHING ENGLISH PHONETICS TO UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

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Abstract

Any language is primarily a sound. Learning any language starts with learning the sounds. We offer you a more detailed acquaintance with sounds in the English language - their pronunciation and designation in transcription. In this article, in the process of teaching English phonetics to university students, there are thoughts and opinions about increasing their competence using modern pedagogical and information-communication methods.

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In the case of sign languages, phonetics studies the corresponding aspects of sign. Phonetics is a subfield of linguistics that studies how humans produce and perceive sounds. Phoneticians are linguists who focus on researching the physical characteristics of speech.

According to the research questions they address, such as how humans organize and carry out movements to produce speech (articulatory phonetics), how different movements affect the characteristics of the resulting sound (acoustic phonetics), or how humans translate sound waves into linguistic information, the field of phonetics is traditionally divided into three sub-disciplines (auditory phonetics). Traditionally, the minimal linguistic unit of phonetics is the phone—a speech sound in a language which differs from the phonological unit of phoneme; the phoneme is an abstract categorization of phones.

Practical English phonetics begins with the ability to read transcription. Why is this? First of all, learn the correct pronunciation of words. The fact is that the spelling of English words is significantly different from the pronunciation. Sometimes even professionals cannot read an unfamiliar word correctly. Transcription comes in handy. Learn the 26 letters of the English alphabet quickly and easily. Check out this section for great resources to help you learn the English alphabet easily.

English phonetics includes classical pronunciation, ie. "clean", correct pronunciation of words and phrases, taking into account clear rules. However, in real life, you will not meet a single native speaker who pronounces every sound correctly with expressive diction. As a rule, in colloquial speech, the pronunciation of words and phrases changes: various phonetic deformations occur, which makes it difficult for an inexperienced learner of English to hear the speech of native speakers. Our course will help to solve this problem.

First, in order to read the sounds in English, you need to know how they are written. We can help you learn more about this, but now let's go back to the article and try to understand it, but

they are written in square brackets - this is called phonetic transcription. English has vowels and consonants. Just like in Russian, vowels are pronounced with an open mouth, and consonants are pronounced with a closed mouth.

Phonetics is the branch that studies sounds. Its main purpose is to teach the correct pronunciation of English sounds and words, as well as to develop the ability to understand the speech of native speakers. Therefore, in order to learn to speak and read English correctly, you need to know the English alphabet and learn the pronunciation of individual phonemes and the words in which they are used. English phonetics The English language is based on the Latin alphabet, which has only 26 letters (instead of the usual 33 letters), but on top of these familiar letters are placed almost twice as many sounds, that is, 46 different phonemes. English sounds are very important for learners of this language, so you need to understand how and why they are used in speech.

As mentioned above, a characteristic feature of the English language is a large number of sounds that do not correspond to the number of available letters. That is, one letter can convey several phonemes depending on the letters located nearby. Based on this, it is necessary to speak very carefully and correctly. Misuse of one or another sound leads to misunderstanding. The first thing you need to master phonetics is transcription. English is a very unusual language with many rules for pronouncing words and letter combinations. And the first step in learning this is transcription.

The English alphabet is based on the Latin alphabet, and the Russian alphabet is based on the Cyrillic alphabet. That's why all the difficulties: in English there are almost no sounds similar to Russian. For example, diphthongs are common in English (two vowels in one syllable): source, joy, community.

To pronounce these words correctly, you need to know diphthongs and the transcription of /ɔɪ/ and /aʊ/, as well as English phonetics, pronunciation, sounds, transcription of the alphabet. To summing up this article we can say that phonetic is an essential part of the learning process in English. Therefore, we should teach our students carefully in this theme. Moreover, some practical knowledge and experiences are able to support our students in their proper pronunciation as well as correct writing skills.

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