

Pronunciation seminars program

Computer programs and organizing the work

-) Computer programs for working on pronunciation
-) Organizing the work (mocking, reading with recording, reading aloud)
-) Materials for working
-) Stretching the sounds

IPA

-) International Phonetic Alphabet and tongue position.
-) Restrictions of the IPA chart approach
-) What is softness of Russian vowels. Main Russian vowels and allophones.
-) Phonetic clock: lax and tense vowels, oppositions in General American.

Phonetics

-) Acoustics, articulation, phonology
-) What is phoneme? Different approaches. Diaphonemes.
-) What are letters?

Changing Russian speech 1

-) Throaty pronunciation and how to catch it. High and low throaty pronunciations. Phonetic smile (no roundness), openness of mouth and economy of breath. Throaty pressure.
-) Relaxation. Lax speech. As a drunken man.
-) Nasal speech.
-) Ch-resonator. Tip of the tongue position: **ch, t, d, l, n**.
-) Half soft speech

Changing Russian speech 2 – music of English

-) Two types of stress organization: syllabic and tonic.
-) Stress interval in English
-) Syllabic stresses in English – reduction, contractions, pauses.

Features

-) Four types of stresses in English and their difference from Russian stresses.
-) Types of long vowels (doubled sounds, surrounding, logical stress).
-) How to play with stresses (unstressed speech, only dynamic, only pitch, only length)
-) Diphthongization: **can, bad**
-) All kind of stops

American vs British

-) Pronunciation of R before consonants
-) Words like **ask, grasp, fast**
-) Ringing **t** in words like **better, butter**.
-) Pronunciation of **u**: **future, nude**.
-) **man** vs **men**

-) Monophthongization in American: **air, fire**
-) Phonetic smile in American
-) American **open, written**

-) Nasality ???
-) Stops ???
-) British **cop** to **cup** ???
-) British **cup** to **coop** ???
-) British **cat** to **cut** ???
-) British **take** to **tike** ???
-) British **dog** to **dock** ???
-) British **autumn**