

# Course Syllabus: ESLMaxx – English Pronunciation Mastery (5 Weeks)

**Course Title:** ESLMaxx: English Pronunciation Mastery

**Platform:** Moodle

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## Course Introduction

Welcome to ESLMaxx: English Pronunciation Mastery! This 5-week course is designed to improve your English pronunciation by focusing on the key elements that impact clarity and fluency. By the end of this course, you will have mastered fundamental pronunciation skills, including sounds, blending, vowels, rhythm, and intonation, enabling you to communicate more confidently and effectively in English.

### Key Features of the Course:

- Animations demonstrating mouth movements for every English sound.
  - Comparisons of voiced and unvoiced consonants, and vowel variations.
  - Audio exercises to identify sounds, syllable stress, and intonation patterns.
  - Animated text to illustrate blending rules and syllable stress.
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## Course Objectives

By the end of this course, you will be able to:

1. Identify and produce all English sounds (stops, fricatives, affricatives, liquids, glides, and vowels).
  2. Differentiate between voiced and unvoiced consonants.
  3. Understand and apply blending techniques to improve fluency.
  4. Use correct rhythm, stress, and intonation in words, phrases, and sentences.
  5. Engage confidently in dialogues with improved pronunciation and clarity.
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## Weekly Syllabus

### Week 1: The Basics of Pronunciation

#### Topics:

1. English sounds: stops, fricatives, affricatives, liquids, glides, and vowels.
2. Voicing: distinguishing voiced and unvoiced consonants.

3. Syllable length and its role in pronunciation.

**Weekly Objectives:**

- Recognize and produce individual English sounds.
- Compare voiced and unvoiced consonants using animations.
- Practice identifying syllable lengths through audio exercises.

**Activities:**

- Watch animations of the mouth for each sound.
  - Audio identification of voiced/unvoiced pairs.
  - Practice drills on syllable length through guided activities.
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**Week 2: Mastering Blending****Topics:**

1. Word-ending unblocked consonants to vowels (e.g., "big apple").
2. Same-sound blending (e.g., "hip pain," "fine night").
3. Vowel-to-vowel transitions (e.g., "I am," "go on").

**Weekly Objectives:**

- Identify and practice blending techniques in common word combinations.
- Understand the rules of same-sound blending and vowel transitions.
- Improve fluency by reducing unnatural pauses.

**Activities:**

- Animated text examples of blending patterns.
  - Audio exercises to identify and practice blending.
  - Recording and self-assessment of blending in sample sentences.
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**Week 3: Mastering Vowels****Topics:**

1. Mouth and lip shape for vowel sounds.
2. Opening of the mouth.
3. Tongue placement and shape for clear vowels.

**Weekly Objectives:**

- Differentiate between English vowels by observing mouth animations.
- Practice vowel clarity through guided mouth and tongue exercises.
- Improve vowel accuracy in common words and phrases.

**Activities:**

- Watch animations comparing vowel sounds.
  - Audio practice identifying and repeating vowel contrasts.
  - Interactive quizzes on vowel recognition and production.
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**Week 4: Rhythm and Intonation**

**Topics:**

1. Rhythm: patterns of stressed and unstressed syllables.
2. Intonation: rising and falling pitch in sentences.

**Weekly Objectives:**

- Recognize and produce natural stress patterns in English.
- Practice intonation for different sentence types (statements, questions, emphasis).
- Enhance clarity and expression in spoken English.

**Activities:**

- Audio practice identifying syllable stress in words and phrases.
  - Animated text examples of intonation patterns.
  - Group practice activities to refine rhythm and intonation.
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**Week 5: Putting It All Together – Dialogues**

**Topics:**

1. Applying pronunciation skills in conversations.
2. Improving fluency and naturalness in dialogues.

**Weekly Objectives:**

- Integrate sounds, blending, vowels, rhythm, and intonation in real-life scenarios.
- Practice pronunciation in interactive dialogues.
- Build confidence in spontaneous communication.

**Activities:**

- Dialogue practice with peer feedback through Moodle.
  - Self-recording and reflection on dialogue exercises.
  - Final assessment of pronunciation skills through a recorded conversation.
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## Assessment and Progress Tracking

- **Weekly Quizzes:** Evaluate understanding of key concepts (20% of the final grade).
  - **Audio Submissions:** Weekly sound, blending, and stress recordings for feedback (30% of the final grade).
  - **Final Dialogue Recording:** Comprehensive application of pronunciation skills (50% of the final grade).
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## Engagement and Support

- Weekly live Q&A sessions to address challenges.
- Discussion forums for peer interaction and sharing tips.
- Instructor feedback on audio submissions and assignments.

This structured approach ensures gradual progression from foundational concepts to advanced application, helping you achieve clear, confident English pronunciation.