

Tips to Help Students Overcome New Word Pronunciation Challenges

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When it comes to pronouncing vocabulary, students find it hard to articulate and start to stutter every time they are asked to read. Learning how to pronounce new words at school tends to promote short-term memorization rather than long-term retention, as new words acquired through learning at school may be quickly forgotten when they are at home. Therefore, an introduction of IPA (International Phonetic Alphabet) to students at the beginning of the new school year is a must-teach. This system is quite difficult for students to understand when they are first introduced, so teachers have to make it explicit and simple by using some Vietnamese sounds, which are equivalent to the sound of IPA transcription systems for English. For instance, the sound /ə/ is equivalent to /ø/ in Vietnamese. The pragmatic approach to aiding students in confronting the fear of pronouncing new words is that teachers only transcribe the variation of the sound, not all the sounds in a word. The word “television” is an example.

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For example: 'Television

When students are guided on how to transcribe new words and pronounce them by linking vowels to consonants, they begin to get involved in reading new words confidently and fluently.

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