PRONUNCIATION

You already know the different types of A sounds that we have in English.

/ʌ/ CENTRAL A

It's similar to our A sound

EXAMPLES:

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/ɑ:/ LONG A

You make this sound in the back of the throat. Like yawning.

EXAMPLES:

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/æ/ FRONT A

We need to spread our lips and practice this sound taking out the tongue. Like a mad cat sound.

EXAMPLES:

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/ə/ SCHWA

This is a neutral sound. That means, we don't move our articulations much. It's a short sound.

EXAMPLES:

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/ɛ:/ OPEN -MID

This is a neutral sound too but it is longer than the schwa.

EXAMPLES:

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/s/ ALVEOLAR FRICATIVE

Because of our region we need to get used to pronounce this sound at initial and final positions.

EXAMPLES:

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Take notes and make questions about pronunciation to ask your teacher:

Which sound is more difficult?
Is it easy for you to think about examples?
Do you feel comfortable producing these sounds? why? Why not?

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PRACTICE!



MY FAVORITE PLACES:

ESTEBAN:

The most beautiful place to visit in my city is the Alhambra castle. There is a 9th century castle but the town exists since the 13th century. The best time to visit is in the morning or in the late evening, as the castle gets very busy with tour groups during the day. My favourite part of the castle is the gardens, as they have water running through all of them.

GEORGE:

My favourite place in my town is the sports center. I go there every weekend to play tennis with my cousin. He's older than me and a really good player, but sometimes I manage to beat him! The sports centre is really big and it has two swimming pools. In the summer when it's hot I like to use the outdoor pool, but my cousin prefers the indoor pool as it's bigger.

MICHELLE:

I think that the best place to visit near where I live is the local museum. It has paintings from the 15th century that are very beautiful and sculptures, too. Most tourists want to take photos of the tower because the city is famous for it, and many of them visit the cathedral that is next to it in the square. Not many tourists go to the museum, so it's always peaceful there.

/ə/ SCHWA: short function words that connect other words.

/s/ ALVEOLAR FRICATIVE: initial position and final positions. (present simple conjugation)

WORDS WITH: /ɑ://æ//ɛ://ʌ/

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