



ENGLISH COACH **Loretta**

The Sounds of English

Basic English pronunciation

-Why is English pronunciation so difficult?-

Why is English pronunciation so difficult?

- English comes from many different languages



- English has 26 letters but 44 sounds



- English words do not sound the way they are spelled

Sound
skwərəl



Spelling
squirrel

A cute little brown animal

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Why is English pronunciation so difficult?

That crazy English language

their	too	plain
there	two	plane
	to	

- Different spellings
- Same sounds
- Different meanings

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bow

dove

tear

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Silent letters

Silent "c"

muscle

scissors

Silent "g"

design

sign

Silent "b"

comb

womb

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Same spellings

-ough-

6 different pronunciations

Letter combination

though /oʊ/

through /u/

rough /ʌf/

cough /kɔf/

thought /ɔt/

bough /aʊ/

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Strange letters

/oʊ/

/u/

/ʌf/

/kɔf/

/ɔt/

/aʊ/

Sounds of the words

Phonetic Spelling

This will help you to find out
the pronunciation of words

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MISHMASH

Frustrating!

