

Finnish

This is a guide for you as a Finnish speaker as you go through the Pronunciation Pro Course.

To get the most out of your membership, follow the Pronunciation Pro Course module by module and add any necessary bonus lessons.

Lessons that may be omitted from the 12-module course for Finnish speakers include:

- Module 3: Initial, Medial, & Final /L/ and /N/
- However, please still review the Word Stress lesson from Module 3

COMMON ERRORS

In general, Finnish speakers tend to pronounce English words as they are spelled. However, this can cause issues because the pronunciation and the spelling are not always the same in English.

Below you will find some common error sounds and patterns specifically for Finnish speakers. These common errors can help you better understand your own speech patterns and areas to focus on as you improve your English pronunciation and fluency.

You might not have issues with all of these sounds. If you would like a more customized assessment of your speech, please contact us for a Full Accent Assessment from our certified American Trainers.

VOWELS

TARGET SOUNDS	COMMON ERROR	MODULE/BONUS LESSON
/er/ (word)	Error patterns vary	Module 4 - R-vowels
/a/ (hat)	Confused with /e/ (yes)	Module 7
/u/ (cup)	Error patterns vary	Module 7

CONSONANTS

- Groups of consonants in final word position may be difficult to pronounce. **(Module 8 -Tricky Consonant Blends)**

TARGET SOUNDS	COMMON ERROR	MODULE/BONUS LESSON
/b/, /d/, /g/	May be pronounced as their voiceless counterpart (/p/, /t/, /k/, respectively) in final word position	Module 1 - Final Voiced Consonants
/th/ (think)	May be pronounced as /t/ or /s/	Module 2 - Voiceless /th/



/TH/ (this)	May be pronounced as /d/ or /z/	Module 2 - Voiced /TH/
/z/ (zoo)	Pronounced as /s/ or /ts/	Module 2 - Final /s/ or Plural /s/, Bonus Lesson - /s/ or /z/ (***/ts/ pronunciation best addressed through direct trainer feedback - see below)
/zh/ (vision)	Pronounced as /s/ to /ts/	Bonus Lesson - /zh/ (***/ts/ pronunciation best addressed through direct trainer feedback - see below)
/sh/ (shoe)	Pronounced as /s/ or /ts/	Bonus Lesson - /sh/ (***/ts/ pronunciation best addressed through direct trainer feedback - see below)
/w/ (wet)	Confused with /v/ (very)	Bonus Lesson - /w/, /v/ & /w/
/f/ (food)	Confused with /v/, especially in final word position	Bonus Lesson - /v/ & /f/
/ch/ (chip)	Confused with /sh/ (shoe)	Bonus Lesson - /ch/
/dg/ (joke)	Pronounced as /ch/ (chip) or /y/ (yes)	Bonus Lesson - /dg/

*** Ways to receive direct trainer feedback include the Weekly Study Groups and the Weekly Challenge

STRESS, INTONATION, RHYTHM

Rhythm may sound a bit choppy. **(Module 3 – Word Stress, Module 4 – Sentence Stress)**

Intonation may be somewhat monotone. **(Module 5 – Intonation)**

Falling intonation might be used on words in the middle of a sentence where not appropriate. **(Module 5 – Intonation)**

