

Hebrew

This is a guide for you as a Hebrew 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 Hebrew speakers include:

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

COMMON ERRORS

Below you will find some common error sounds and patterns specifically for Hebrew 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

Almost all English vowels must be practiced. In Hebrew, meaning depends on consonants so English vowel practice is highly encouraged. **(Modules 5-7)**

TARGET SOUNDS	COMMON ERRORS	MODULE/BONUS LESSON
/er/ (word)	Distorted to /Ar/ (hair); other errors vary with the spelling	Module 4 – R-vowels
/A/ (day)	Pronounced too short; confused with /e/ (yes)	Module 5
/O/ (go)	Pronounced too short; confused with /u/ (cup)	Module 5
/e/ (we)	Pronounced too short; confused with /i/ (sit)	Module 6
/u/ (cup)	Confused with /o/ (hot)	Module 7
/a/ (hat)	May be confused with /oo/ (too)	Module 7

CONSONANTS

Groups of consonants are challenging, especially groups of 3 or more. Vowels are often inserted in between groups of consonants. **(Module 8 - Tricky Consonant Blends)**



TARGET SOUND	COMMON ERROR	MODULE/BONUS LESSON
/th/ (think)	Error patterns vary	Module 2 - Voiceless /th/
/TH/ (this)	Error patterns vary	Module 2 - Voiced /TH/
/l/ (look)	This sound has a different quality in Hebrew	Module 3 – Initial, Medial, & Final /l/
/r/ (rare)	Pronounced too far back (guttural /r/), or confused with /w/	Module 4 - R, R-blends, R-vowels
/h/ (how)	May be omitted, or pronounced as a harsh sound	Bonus Lessons - /h/
/w/ (wet)	Confused with /r/ or /v/	Bonus Lessons - /w/, /v/ & /w/
/dg/ (joke)	Confused with /sh/ (shoe) or /z/ (zoo)	Bonus Lesson - /dg/
“ing” (ring)	May be confused with /m/ or /n/	Bonus Lesson - “ing”

STRESS, INTONATION, RHYTHM

Stress sounds too even. **(Module 3 - Word Stress, Module 4 – Sentence Stress)**

Hebrew speakers may sound annoyed, irritable, or complaining to native English speakers due to their intonation. **(Module 5 - Intonation)**

