

Vietnamese

This is a guide for you as a Vietnamese 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.

COMMON ERRORS

Below you will find some common error sounds and patterns specifically for Vietnamese 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 ERRORS	MODULE/BONUS LESSON
/A/ (day)	Error patterns vary	Module 5
/O/ (go)	Error patterns vary	Module 5
/i/ (sit)	Confused with /ee/ (we)	Module 6
/a/ (hat)	May be confused with /u/ (cup) or /e/ (yes)	Module 7
/ooh/ (put, book)	May be confused with /oo/ (too)	Bonus Lesson - /oo/ & /ooh/

CONSONANTS

Final consonants may be dropped, especially after a diphthong like /I/ (fine) or /oy/ (boy).

(Module 1 – Final Voiced Consonants)

Groups of consonants are challenging, especially in medial or final word position, where one or more may be dropped. (Module 8 - Tricky Consonant Blends)

TARGET SOUNDS	COMMON ERRORS	MODULE/BONUS LESSON
/b/, /d/, /z/	May be pronounced as their unvoiced counterparts (/p/, /t/, /s/, respectively) in final word position	Module 1- Final Voiced Consonants
/th/ (think)	Error patterns vary	Module 2- Voiceless / th/



/TH/ (this)	Error patterns vary	Module 2 - Voiced /TH/
/l/ (look)	Confused with /n/ in final word position	Module 3 -Final /L/
/r/ (rare)	Confused with /z/; R-vowels are difficult	Module 4- Initial /r/, R-blends, and R-vowels
/dg/ (joke)	Confused with /zh/ (vision)	Bonus Lessons - /dg/
/sh/ (shoe)	Confused with /s/ or /t/	Bonus Lesson - /sh/
/zh/ (vision)	Confused with /sh/ or /z/	Bonus Lessons - /zh/
/f/ (food)	May be pronounced more like /p/	Bonus Lessons - /f/
/p/ (pop)	May sound like /b/ in initial word position	Bonus Lesson - /p/
/s/ (sun)	May be confused with /t/ in final word position	Bonus Lesson - /ch/
/ch/ (chip)	Confused with /t/ or /sh/ (shoe), especially in final word position	Bonus Lesson - /ch/
/g/ (gag)	May sound softer or more guttural	***Best addressed with direct trainer feedback (see below)

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

STRESS, INTONATION, RHYTHM

Rhythm may sound staccato or choppy. **(Module 3 – Word Stress)**

Intonation is difficult for Vietnamese speakers as Vietnamese is a tone language and each syllable is produced with a set tone. **(Module 5 - Intonation)**

