Language Development Phonology – student questions





1. Can you think of	any examples o	f sounds that	are different	but not wri	tten because t	hey are
not significant like	this in Bahasa N	∕lalaysia?				

- 2. With your partner, write down some homophones and some homographs.
- 3. Are you aware of all of the parts of your mouth?
- 4. Which of the English vowel sounds are found in BM and which are not?
- 5. Can you accurately pronounce each of the English diphthongs?
- 6. Which English consonants are likely to be a problem for BM learners of English?
- 7. We are going to try reading and writing some words in Phonemic script.
- 8. Is the 'rule' about 2-syllable word stress true?
- 9. With a partner, choose 4 of the heteronym words.

export	compound	frequent
address	object	conduct
combat	present	protest
insult	decrease	desert
perfect	transport	permit

Make 2 sentences for each demonstrating the two types of words.

Read your sentences aloud.





10. With a partner, practise saying each of the -tion/-sion/-cion/-xion words with correct stress.

economic	terrific
strategic	logic
pathogenic	domestic
metabolic	statistic

- 11. Look for the pattern in the above words, and practise saying them.
- 12. With your partner, try saying each of the 3^{rd} last rule (consonant + y) words with the correct stress.
- 13. With your partner, how many of the heteronyms can you find and explain?
- 14. How many of the word stress 'rules' can you remember?
- 15. Can you read each of the 'beat and rhythm' sentences to a beat? (Click your fingers to keep time.)
- 16. Mark the Tonic Syllable in each of these sentences:

Fast automobiles make dangerous friends.

Variety is the spice of life.

Why don't we catch a film tonight?

Janet silently turned the page.

I'll make sure to give him a ring the next time I'm in town.

Say each one.





17. Now say each one with emphatic stress as marked:

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18. Deduce from the text where the stress should fall.

Try saying each sentence.

David stole the money, not Mike.

David stole the money. He didn't have permission.

I haven't seen the film. David has.

David stole the money. He didn't touch the jewellery.

Mike's birthday is on the twenty-eighth, not the twenty-fourth.

Dictation

Mark the stress and intonation as you listen.

The Three Billy Goats Gruff

"Trip, trap, trip, trap!" went the bridge.

"Who's that tripping over my bridge?" roared the Troll.

"Oh, it is only I, the tiniest Billy Goat Gruff," said the billy goat, with such a small voice.

"Now, I'm coming to gobble you up," said the troll.

"Oh, no! Please don't take me. I'm too little," said the billy goat.