# A COLLECTION OF PRONUNCIATION ERRORS

**ABANDONED** 

**ABROAD** 

ACCEPT x EXCEPT

**ACCESSORY** 

to ACCOMPANY; ACCOMPANIED

ACHE (HEADACHE)

**ACHIEVEMENT** 

**ACQUAINTANCE** 

ADAPT x ADOPT

**ADDITIONAL** 

**ADJACENT** 

ADJECTIVE, ADJECTIVAL

ADMIRE x ADMIRABLE

**ADO** 

ADOBE READER

ADVERTISEMENT x ADVERTISING x ADVERT

**AEON** 

**AERIAL** 

**AEROBICS** 

**AFFIDAVIT** 

**AGILE** 

AISLE; to walk down the aisle; see ISLE

**ALASKA** 

**ALLEGIANCE** 

to ALLOW, an ALLOWANCE

**ALMOND** 

<u>ALSO</u>

**ALTAR** 

**AMIABLE** 

**AMICABLE** 

**ANALOGY** 

ANALYSIS, pl. ANALYSES

to ANALYSE – 3rd pers.sg. he/she ANALYSES

**ANATHEMA** 

**ANCHOR** 

ANGELES (L.A.) x ANGLES

ANONYMOUS x UNANIMOUS

ANT, ANTEATER

**ANXIETY** 

APOSTROPHE, CATASTROPHE

**APPETITE** 

ARAB, ARABIC

AREN'T

**ALBEIT** 

**ARCHAIC** 

ARCHANGEL x ARCHBISHOP

**ARCHIPELAGO** 

ARCHITECT(URE)

**ARCTIC** 

## <u>AREA</u>

Aspirations: if they're missing after ptk under stress they're perceived as bdg.

Recent confusion: POMPEI x BOMBAY

**ASSESSMENT** 

**ASSOCIATED** 

**ASTHMA** 

ATHLETE x ATHLETICS

**ATROCIOUS** 

**ATYPICAL** 

**AUBERGINE** 

**AUNT** 

**AUSTRALIA** 

**AUTOMOBILE** 

**AWE** 

**AWRY** 

**BABEL** 

BALD x BOLD

**BALLET** 

the BALKANS

**BALM** 

**BANAL** 

BASIC, BASICALLY

BASS (in music) x BASS (fish)

**BEAR** 

BEARD x BIRD

**BEELZEBUB** 

**BELARUS** 

**BELOVED** 

**BERET** 

### BIATHLON, BIATHLETE

**BIRMINGHAM** 

**BLOOD** 

**BOAST x BOOST** 

**BOMB** 

**BOROUGH** 

BOUGH a branch

**BOUGHT** 

BOW a ribbon, a tie = a BOW and arrow

to BOW to the audience

**BRAZIL** 

BREATH x to BREATHE

BRISTOL x BRISTLE

**BROCHURE** 

**BROOCH** 

BUDDHA, BUDDHISM

**BULLET** 

**BULLOCK** 

**BULLY** 

**BUSH** 

**BUTCHER** 

**BUTTOCKS** 

**CACHE** 

CAESAR SALAD, CAESAREAN SECTION

CAFÉ – CAFFE - COFFEE

**CAMBRIDGE** 

**CAMEL** 

CANAL x KENNEL

**CANOE** 

**CAPABLE** 

CAREER x CARRIER

**CARNIVORE** 

**CASTLE** 

CATHOLIC, CATHOLICISM

**CAUCASIAN** 

**CEDAR** 

**CENSURE** 

**CERAMIC** 

#### **CERTAIN, -LY**

**CHALET** 

**CHAMPAGNE** 

**CHANDELIER** 

CHANGE, RANGE, STRANGE

CHARACTER, CHARACTERISTIC

**CHASM** 

**CHEF** 

**CHEMISTRY** 

**CHICAGO** 

**CHILE** 

**CHIMERA** 

**CHOIR** 

CIRCUIT, CIRCUMSTANCES

**CLAW** 

CLEANSE x CLEAN

**CLERK** 

CLIMB, CLIMBER – THUMB – DUMB

**CLOTHES x CLOTHS** 

COAST x COST

**COCA-COLA** 

**COLONEL** 

**COLUMN** 

**COLLEAGUE** 

**COMB** 

**COMFORTABLE** 

**COMPANY** 

**COMPONENT** 

**COMRADE** 

**CONCERTO** 

CONSCIENCE (x SCIENCE), CONSCIENTIOUS,-LY

**CONSCIOUSNESS** 

CONSEQUENCE x SEQUENCE

CONSIST, INSIST

**CORPS** 

**COUGH** 

**COUNTRY** 

COURSE x CURSE

**COUSIN** 

a COVE

COVER x COWARD

to CREATE - CREATION - CREATURE

**CRETE** 

**CROOKED** 

**CRUISE** 

**CUPBOARD** 

**CUSHION** 

**CUTICLE** 

<u>CZECH</u>

**DAGGER** 

**DAIRY** 

**DEAF** 

**DEBRIS** 

DEBT, DEBTOR

DECADE x DECAY, DECAYED

**DECLINE** 

**DECORATIVE** 

**DELETE** 

**DEMOSTHENES** 

**DEPTH** 

DESCENT x **DECENT** 

DESERT x to DESERT, a DESSERT

**DETERMINED** 

DEVIL x EVIL

DIARRHEA, DIARRHOEA

**DIFFER** 

**DILATE** 

**DILEMMA** 

**DIPHTHERIA** 

**DIVORCED** 

DON'T

**DOUBT** 

**DOUGH** 

**DOVE** 

**DOZEN** 

**DRAUGHT** 

**DREARY** 

**DROUGHT** 

**DUCAT** 

**DYNASTY** 

**EARLY** 

**ECHO** 

ECONOMY, ECONOMIST, ECONOMICS,

ECONOMETRICS, ECONOMIZATION

**EDINBURGH** 

**EGYPT** 

ELABORATE adj., to ELABORATE

**ELECTORAL** 

**ELIGIBLE x ILLEGIBLE** 

**ELITE** 

**ENDEAVOUR** 

to ENDOW

**ENGINE** 

EPOCH(AL)

**ERUDITE** 

**ESPRESSO** 

**EUROPEAN** 

**EVENT** 

EWE a female sheep

to EXAMINE

**EXCURSION, INCURSION** 

**EXPENSIVE** 

**EXPERTISE** 

**FAÇADE** 

**FEUD** 

FIANCÉ, FIANCÉE

**FIGURE** 

**FINALE** 

**FINANCE** 

FLOUR FLOWER FLOOR

**FOCUS** 

**FOLK** 

**FORTE** 

FRAUD x FREUD

**FRONT** 

**FRUIT** 

GAOL = JAIL

**GARAGE** 

**GAUGE** 

**GENERAL** 

**GENRE** 

**GENUINE** 

**GESTURE** 

**GIGANTIC** 

**GIGGLE** 

**GINGER** 

**GLOUCESTER** 

**GLOVES** 

to GNAW

**GNOME** 

**GORGEOUS** 

**GRAPEFRUIT** 

**GREENWICH** 

**GRIND** 

**GUINEA-PIG** 

**GYNAECOLOGIST** 

**HACKNEYED** 

**HARASSMENT** 

HARE, HAIR

**HEARSE** 

HEAVE x HEAVEN x HAVEN

**HEIR** 

HELIUM, HELIX

**HEPATITIS** 

HEROINE x HERO

**HIATUS** 

**HIDEOUS** 

HIERARCHY, HIERARCHICAL

HI-FI

HIGH x HEIGHT

**HILARIOUS** 

**HOMOGENEOUS** 

HONEST, HONOUR

HOSTEL

HOTEL

**HYMN** 

**HYPERBOLE** 

**HYPERMARKET** 

HYPOTHESIS, -ES

**IKEA** 

**INDECISIVE** 

**INNATE** 

**INSECTICIDE** 

**INSIST** 

**INSOLENT** 

**INSOUCIANT** 

INTERESTING, INTERESTED

**INTRINSIC** 

**IRON** 

ISLAND x ICELAND;

ISLE OF ..., ISLET a little one

**ISOSCELES** 

**ISSUE** 

**ITINERARY** 

**JAGUAR** 

JAPAN, JAPANESE

**JARGON** 

**KANGAROO** 

KEY

**KINDLING** 

**KNEAD** 

**KNIFE** 

**KNIGHT** 

**LAMB** 

LAPEL

LAUGH(TER)

**LAUREATE** 

LEAD (UNLEADED PETROL) x to LEAD

LEICESTER

LEONARD x LEO, LEONARDO

**LEVIATHAN** 

LEVI'S

LETHAL

LIEU

LIEUTENANT

LILAC

LINEN x LINING

**LONGEVITY** 

**LONGING** 

**LOUNGE** x LONG

LOW x LAW

**MACABRE** 

**MACHETE** 

**MADRID** 

**MAGI** 

**MAJOR, MAJORETTE** 

MANIAC, MANIACAL

**MARGARINE** 

MARGIN, -AL

**MASCARA** 

**MASSACRE** 

**MASSAGE** 

MATTE x MATE

**MAURITIUS** 

**MAYONNAISE** 

MAYOR, MAYORAL

MEDIA, to MEDIATE x IMMEDIATE

**MEDIEVAL** 

**MELEE** 

**MIGRAINE** 

**MINIATURE** 

MINUTE (60 seconds) x MINUTE (very little)

**MISCELLANEOUS** 

**MODEL** 

**MOLE** 

**MONTH** 

**MOSQUITO** 

MOUE, MOO

**MOUSTACHE** 

NAÏVE, NAÏVETY

**NAPLES** 

NATION x NATIONAL

NATURE x NATURAL

the NOBEL Prize

**NOMINALISATION** 

**NOVEL** 

**NUMB** 

to OCCUR, OCCURRENCE

**OBSTINATE** 

**OCCUPATION** 

## OLD

**OMIT, OMISSION** 

**OMNISCIENT** 

## *ONLY*

**OPPORTUNITY** 

**ORCHARD** 

**OVEN** 

**OWL** 

to OWN; my OWN

**PALM** 

**PARENT** 

**PARIAH** 

**PARLIAMENT** 

**PARQUET** 

**PARTICIPANT** 

**PARTICULAR** 

**PASTICHE** 

**PASTORAL** 

**PATIO** 

PATROL x PETROL

a PEAR (the fruit) as opposed to a PIER x to PURR

**PENAL** 

PER CENT

**PERCHANCE** 

#### **PERFORMANCE**

PERSON x PERSONAL x PERSONNEL

PHARAOH; pharaoh ants

THE PHILIPPINES

PHONETICS, PHONETICIAN

PHOTOGRAPH, PHOTOGRAPHY

**PHTHISIS** 

**PICTURESQUE** 

**PILATES** 

**PINAFORE** 

**PISCES** 

**PLAGUE** 

**PLAIT** 

**PLAQUE** 

PLUMB x PLUMP

**PLUMBER** 

PNEUMATIC DRILL

**PNEUMONIA** 

**POEM** 

Polish x POLISH

**POLL** 

**POSSESSION** 

**POST** 

**POUR** 

#### **PRAISE**

a PREFACE to a book

PRICE cost x PRIZE award

**PRIORITY** 

**PRIVACY** 

**PROBLEM** 

**PROLOGUE** 

#### to PROLONG

**PROSTHETIC** 

**PSALM** 

**PSORIASIS** 

PSYCHIATRY, -IST

PSYCHOLOGY, -IST

**PUBLIC** 

PUPIL the same pron. for 'student' and 'eye'

**PURCHASE** 

**PURE** 

PUT, PUTT

**QUARTZ** 

**QUAY** 

**QUESTIONNAIRE** 

**QUEUE** 

to **RAISE** x to **RISE** 

**RAPPORT** 

Reading x reading

**RECEIPT** 

**RECIPE** 

A RECORD; TO RECORD

REFER, REFERRED TO, REFERENCE

REHEARSAL, TO REHEARSE

**REPUGNANT** 

**RESERVOIR** 

RESTAURANT

**REVOLUTION** 

RHETORICS x RHETORIC adj.

ROGUE x ROUGE

ROOT x ROUTE x ROUTER

ROW (a line) x ROW (a quarrel)

**SACCHARIDE** 

**SALMON** 

SCARCE, -LY

SCENE, SCENERY

**SCHEME** 

SCHIZOPHRENIA, -IC

**SCIATICA** 

SCYTHE x SCATHE (to escape unscathed)

**SEISMIC** 

**SEMIOTICS** 

to SEPARATE x SEPARATE (adj.) lives

to SEVER = separate x SEVERE cold

**SEWER** 

**SHARED** 

SHOT x SHOOT

**SHOULD** 

**SIEVE** 

**SIMILE** 

**SINCERELY** 

**SINGER** 

**SLOTH** 

**SOLUTION** 

**SOME** 

**SOUR** 

**SPAGHETTI** 

STEINBECK (JOHN)

**SUBTLE** 

**SUCCESS** 

**SUEDE** 

**SUFFICE** 

**SUICIDE** 

SUIT x SUITE

**SUPER** 

**SURFACE** 

**SURVEILLANCE** 

**SURVEY** 

**SWAN** 

SWEAT x SWEET, SWEATER

**SWORD** 

**SYNTAX** 

**TARGET** 

TEAR-TORE-TORN as opposed to crying TEARS

**TECHNICAL** 

**TEMPLATE** 

**THEATRICAL** 

## **THEIR**

THERMOMETER

**THESAURUS** 

THESIS, -ES

THOROUGH - THOROUGHLY -

**THOROUGHFARE** 

**THROUGH** 

**THROUGHOUT** 

THRILLER - TRAILER

**TOBACCO** 

TOMB RAIDER

**TOWARD** 

**TREASURE** 

**TRIPARTITE** 

**TROUGH** 

**TSAR** 

20th - PRETTIER - the LOVELIEST

**UKRAINE** 

UNIT, UNITED, UNITY

UNIVERSITY

UNPRECEDENTED

**URBAN** 

URGE, URGENT

a USE x to USE, an ABUSE x to ABUSE

**USUALLY** 

VALLEY x WALLET x VALET

**VARIABLE** 

**VEGETABLE** 

**VEHICLE** 

**VENEREAL** 

VENOM, -OUS (poison, -ous)

VENOUS (e.g. intravenous, into the vein)

VENUS planet

**VICIOUS** 

**VILLAGE** 

**VINEYARD** 

**VISCOUNT** 

**VOLLEYBALL** 

**VOW** 

**VOYAGE** 

WARY x WEARY

**WEAR** 

**WEIRD** 

WHILST

**WICKED** 

WI-FI

WILD x WILDERNESS

**WILT** 

WIND - WOUND - WOUND

WOLF

**WOMB** 

WORCESTERSHIRE SAUCE

**WORD** 

**WORK** 

**WORLD** 

**WORRIED** 

WOUND

WRATH

WREATH

**XENOPHOBIA** 

**XYLOPHONE** 

YACHT

YAWN

ZOO

**ZOOLOGY**