



The Sound of English II™: **Relearning English Pronunciation**

Course Objective

This 2-day intensive programme will help participants to dramatically improve their English pronunciation by highlighting and correcting a number of common errors typically committed by Malaysian speakers of English.

Course Methodology

This programme focuses on practical exercises. Participants will select and read a short story and be recorded. Subsequently, they will be taken through several key areas where special attention needs to be paid (the common errors). The reading exercise is repeated at intervals. Towards the end of the programme, the participants will be given a chance to ask about the pronunciation of additional words that they are uncertain of. Finally, they will read the short story and be recorded again. A comparison of the “before” and “after” videos will show the positive impact of using correct pronunciation.

Course Syllabus

<i>Module 1</i> Introduction	The importance of correct English pronunciation, the problem with Malaysian pronunciation, what is Received Pronunciation, how to read the International Phonetic Alphabet, recorded reading
<i>Module 2</i> Plosive Sounds I	Pronounce b, d, g, k, p and t with a puff of air, reading exercise
<i>Module 3</i> Plosive Sounds II	Combinations of plosive sounds in root words and past tense, reading exercise
<i>Module 4</i> The Schwa	Learn the most common sound in the English language, reading exercise
<i>Module 5</i> Th, v, z	Distinguish these sounds from t, w/f and s respectively, reading exercise
<i>Module 6</i> Long Vowels & Diphthongs, Phrasing	Distinguish long and short vowel sounds, speak in phrases rather than word by word, reading exercise
<i>Module 7</i> Additional Words	Participants may ask about the pronunciation other words that they are uncertain of
<i>Module 8</i> The Way Forward	Recorded reading, comparison of “before” and “after” videos, tips for further training and improvement