

Practical English

Oral expression / Speech: a few remarks & exercises

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About speech (1)

In English, speech is a combination of:

- ✓ pronunciation (of phonemes)
- ✓ stress
- ✓ intonation
- ✓ rhythm

About speech (2)

In English, speech is a combination of pronunciation, stress, intonation and rhythm.

Examples:

He wants me to go to London tomorrow.



He wants me to go to London tomorrow.



He wants me to go to London tomorrow.



He wants me to go to London tomorrow.



About speech (3)

In English, speech is a combination of pronunciation, stress, intonation and rhythm.

Examples:

Do you want me to go to London tomorrow?



Do you want me to go to London tomorrow?



Do you want me to go to London tomorrow?



Do you want me to go to London tomorrow?



Phonemes (1)

phonetics
focus

Phonemic Chart

Consonants				Vowels			
p	b	t	d	i:	ɪ	e	æ
k	g	m	n	ɑ:	ʌ	ɒ	ɔ:
ŋ	f	v	θ	ʊ	u:	ɜ:	ə
ð	s	z	ʃ	Click on the phonemic symbols to hear how they sound and to see words that use the sound. 			
ʒ	h	tʃ	dʒ				
r	l	j	w				
				Diphthongs			
				eɪ	aɪ	ɔɪ	əʊ
				aʊ	eə	ɪə	ʊə

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(select "Phonemic Chart")

Phonemes (2)

Consonants			
p	b	t	d
k	g	m	n
ŋ	f	v	θ
ð	s	z	ʃ
ʒ	h	tʃ	dʒ
r	l	j	w

planning

earth

weather

shale (gas)

erosion

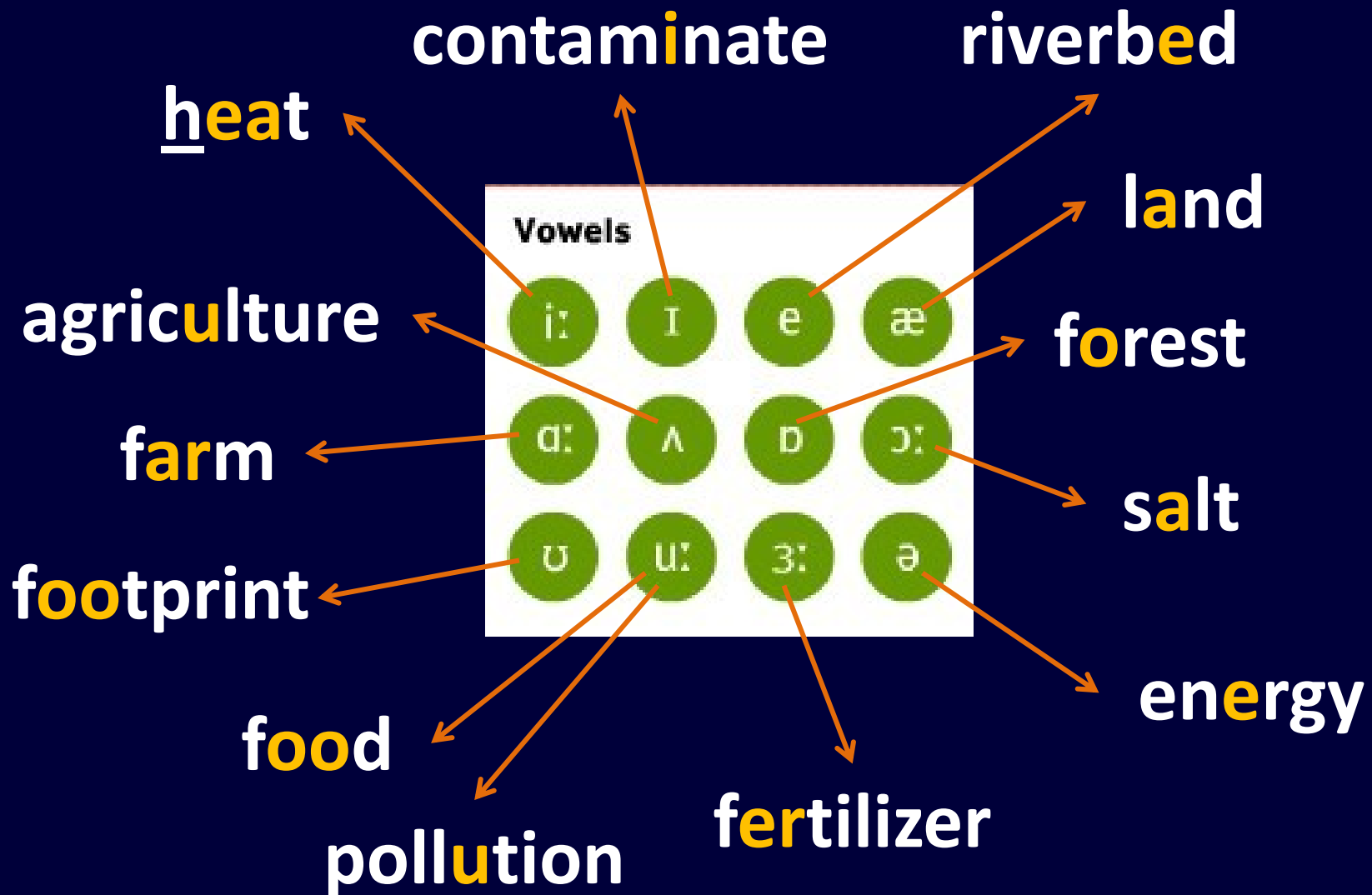
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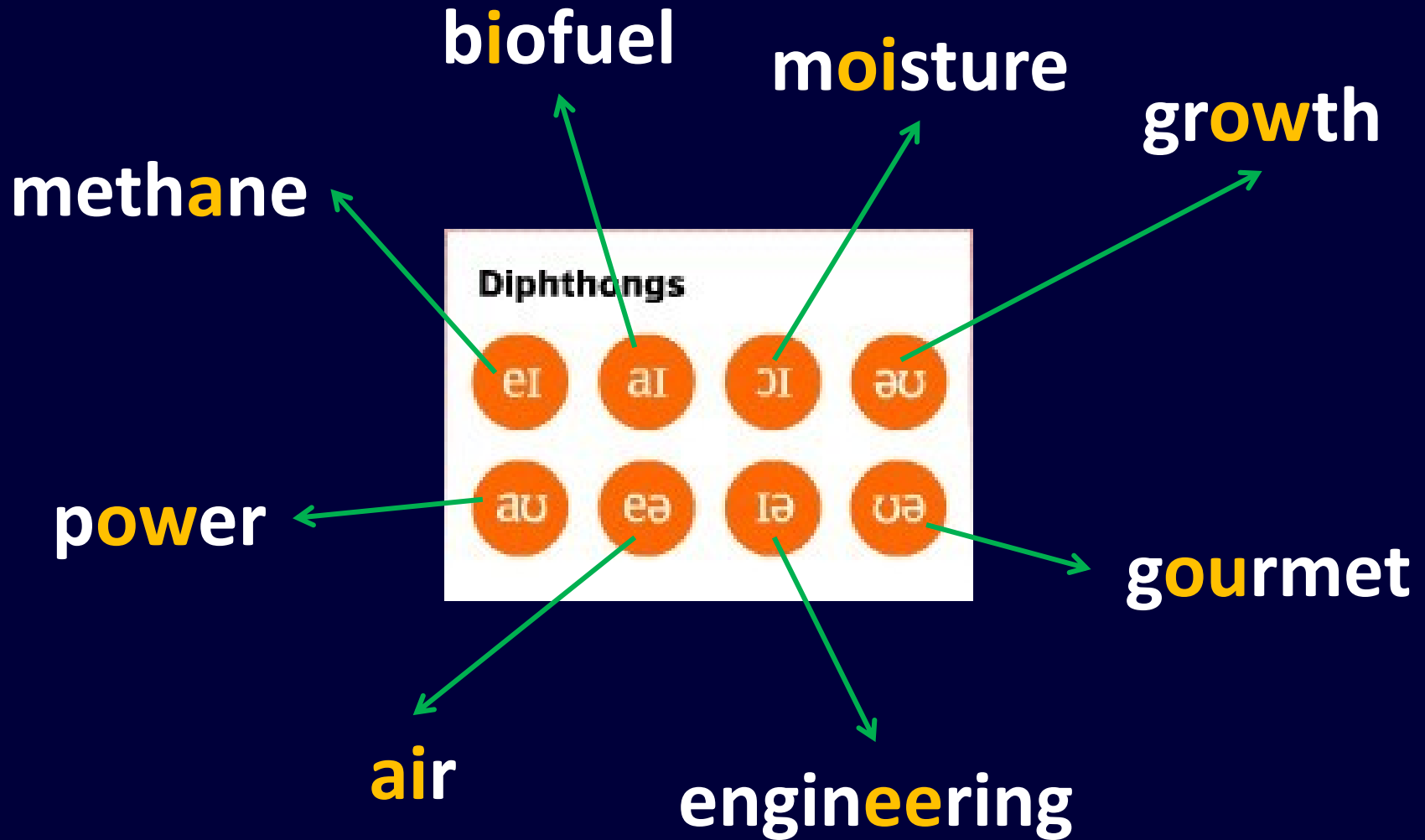
yield

food chain

Phonemes (3)



Phonemes (4)



Phonetic transcription examples

GB: ,baɪəʊdaɪ'vɜ:səti

US: ,baɪoʊdaɪ'vɜ:rsəti

Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary

biodiversity

Search results

biodiversity noun

Definition of biodiversity from the Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary

biodiversity NOUN

[BrE] ,baɪəʊdaɪ'vɜ:səti [AmE] ,baɪoʊdaɪ'vɜ:rsəti

(also LEAF REQUEST **biological diversity**) [UNCOUNTABLE]

the existence of a large number of different kinds of animals and plants which make a balanced environment

- The mining project threatens one of the world's richest areas of biodiversity.

Usage note: The environment

Environmental damage

- cause/contribute to climate change/global warming

Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary

environment

Search results

environment noun

- the Environment Agency
- environmentally friendly adjective
- the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
- eco- combining form
- eco-friendly adjective
- conservancy noun
- conservation noun
- milieu noun
- wild noun
- DEFRA abbreviation
- element noun
- world noun
- low-impact adjective
- transplant verb
- unleaded adjective
- agronomist noun
- biohazard noun
- conservationist noun
- ecocide noun

environment NOUN

[BrE] ɪn'vaɪrənmənt [AmE] ɪn'vaɪrənmənt

1 [COUNTABLE, UNCOUNTABLE] the conditions that affect the behaviour and development of somebody/something; the physical conditions that somebody/something exists in

- a pleasant **working/learning environment**
- An unhappy **home environment** can affect a child's behaviour.
- They have created an environment in which productivity should flourish.
- the political environment
- tests carried out in a controlled environment

2 the environment [UNCOUNTABLE] the natural world in which people, animals and plants live

- the Department of the Environment
- measures to protect the environment
- pollution of the environment
- damage to the environment

3 [COUNTABLE] (COMPUTING) the complete structure within which a user, computer or program operates

- a desktop development environment

GB: 'terətri

US: 'terətɔ:ri

Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary

territory

Search results

territory noun

- trust territory noun
- Yukon Territory
- Indian Territory
- Northern Territory
- overseas territory noun
- dependent territory
- British overseas territory noun
- Australian Capital Territory (ACT)
- neutral adjective
- Carvin
- premier noun
- Northwest Territories
- Alice Springs
- Nunavut
- Iqaluit
- Canberra
- scent mark noun
- Whitehorse
- Brigham Young

territory NOUN

[BrE] 'terətri [AmE] 'terətɔ:ri

plural territories

1 [COUNTABLE, UNCOUNTABLE] land that is under the control of a particular country or ruler

- enemy/disputed/foreign territory**
- occupied territories
- They have refused to allow UN troops to be stationed in their territory.

2 [COUNTABLE, UNCOUNTABLE] an area that one person, group, animal, etc. considers as their own and defends against others who try to enter it

- Mating blackbirds will defend their territory against intruders.
- (NEGATIVE) This type of work is **uncharted territory** for us.
- (NEGATIVE) Legal problems are Andy's territory (= he deals with them).
- She seems to regard that end of the office as her territory.
- Each of these gangs has its own territory.

3 [COUNTABLE, UNCOUNTABLE] an area of a town, country, etc. that somebody has responsibility for in their work or another activity

- Our representatives cover a very large territory.

4 [UNCOUNTABLE] a particular type of land

- unexplored territory

5 (also **Territory**) [COUNTABLE] a country or an area that is part of the US, Australia or Canada but is not a state or province

- Guam and American Samoa are US territories.

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Questions?

Exercises

Pronunciation – Letters (1)

A B C D E F G

H I J K L M N

O P Q R S T U V

W X Y Z

&

Pronunciation – Letters (2)

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Pronunciation – Letters (3)

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Pronunciation – Abbreviations (1-1)

CCS (carbon dioxide capture & storage)

CHP (combined heat and power)

CO (carbon monoxide)

CO₂ (carbon dioxide)

EU (European Union)

FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization)

Pronunciation – Abbreviations (1-2)

CCS **siː-siː-es** (ci-ci-s)

CHP **siː-eɪtʃ-piː** (ci-eitch-pi)

CO **siː-əʊ** (ci-o(-eu))

CO₂ **siː-əʊ-tuː** (ci-o(-eu)-tou)

EU **iː-juː** (i-iou)

FAO **ef-eɪ-əʊ** (f-eï-o(-eu))

Pronunciation – Abbreviations (2-1)

GB (Great Britain)

GHG (greenhouse gas)

GMO (genetically modified organism)

H₂O (dihydrogen monoxide)

NGO (non-governmental organization)

OECD (Org. for Economic Coop. & Dvlp't)

Pronunciation – Abbreviations (2-2)

GB **dʒiː-biː** (dʒi-bi)

GHG **dʒiː-eɪtʃ- dʒiː** (dʒi-eɪtʃ-dʒi)

GMO **dʒiː-em-əʊ** (dʒi-m-o(-eu))

H₂O **eɪtʃ-tuː-əʊ** (eɪtʃ-tou-o(-eu))

NGO **en-dʒiː-əʊ** (n-dʒi-o(-eu))

OECD **əʊ-i-siː-diː** (o(-eu)-i-ci-di)

Pronunciation – Abbreviations (3-1)

P&L (profit and loss)

Q&A (question(s) and answer(s))

QEHS (quality, environment, health, safety)

R&D (research and development)

ROI (return on investment)

SRF (short-rotation forest(ry))

Pronunciation – Abbreviations (3-2)

P&L **piː-ən-el** (pi-eune-l)

Q&A **kjuː-ən-eɪ** (kiou-eune-eï)

QEHS **kjuː-iː-eɪtʃ-es** (kiou-i-eïtch-s)

R&D **ɑːr-ən-diː** (ar-eune-di)

ROI **ɑːr-əʊ-aɪ** (ar-o(-eu)-aï)

SRF **es-ɑːr-ef** (s-ar-f)

Pronunciation – Abbreviations (4-1)

UK (United Kingdom)

UN (United Nations)

USA (United States of America)

WHO (World Health Organization)

ZAP (zero atmospheric pollution)

Pronunciation – Abbreviations (4-2)

UK **juː-keɪ** (iou-keï)

UN **juː-en** (iou-n)

USA **juː-es-eɪ** (iou-s-eï)

WHO **'dʌbljuː-eɪtʃ-əʊ** (deubliou-eitch-o(-eu))

ZAP **zed-eɪ-piː / ziː-eɪ-pi**
(zed-eï-pi / zi-eï-pi)

Questions?

Pronunciation – Numbers (1-1)

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Pronunciation – Numbers (1-2)

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Pronunciation – Numbers (1-3)

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Pronunciation – Numbers (1-4)

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Pronunciation – Numbers (2-1)

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Pronunciation – Numbers (2-2)

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thirty

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forty

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fifty

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sixty

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seventy

80
eighty

90
ninety

100
a hundred

1,000
a thousand

1,000,000
a million

1,000,000,000
a billion

1,000,000,000,000 a trillion

1,000,000,000,000,000,000
a quintillion

Pronunciation – Numbers (2-3)

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'θɜ:(r)ti

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'fɔ:(r)ti

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'fifti

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'sevnti

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ə kwɪn 'tɪljən

Pronunciation – Numbers (2-4)

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fo(r)ti

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Pronunciation - Numbers (3-1)

28

95

103

270

4,639

Pronunciation - Numbers (3-2)

28 (twenty-eight)

95 (ninety-five)

103 (a hundred and three)

270 (two hundred and seventy)

4,639 (four thousand six hundred and
thirty-nine)

Pronunciation – Numbers (3-3)

28 'twenti-eit

95 'nainti-faiv

103 ə 'hʌndrəd ən(d) θri:

270 tu: 'hʌndrəd ən(d) 'sevnti

4,639 fɔ:(r) 'θaʊznd siks 'hʌndrəd
ən(d) 'θɜ:(r)ti-nain

Pronunciation – Numbers (3-4)

28 **touenti-eit**

95 **naïneti-faïv**

103 **eu heundreud and thri**

270 **tou heundreud and seveunti**

4,639 **for thaouzeunde sixe**

heundreud and theu(r)ti-naïne

Pronunciation – Numbers (4-1)

0.5

3.14

12.7

499.99

2.8 billion

Pronunciation – Numbers (4-2)

0.5 (zero point five /
nought point five / point five)

3.14 (three point fourteen)

12.7 (twelve point seven)

499.99 (four hundred and ninety-nine
point ninety-nine)

2.8 billion (two point eight billion)

Pronunciation – Numbers (4-3)

0.5 'ziərəʊ pɔɪnt faɪv /
nɒ:t pɔɪnt faɪv / pɔɪnt faɪv

3.14 θri: pɔɪnt ,fɔ: 'ti:n

12.7 twelv pɔɪnt 'sevn

499.99 fɔ:(r) 'hʌndrəd ən(d)
'naɪnti-naɪn pɔɪnt 'naɪnti-naɪn

2.8 billion tu: pɔɪnt eɪt 'bɪljən

Pronunciation – Numbers (4-4)

0.5 zero poïnte faïv /
norte poïnte faïv / poïnte faïv

3.14 thri poïnte fortune

12.7 touelv poïnte seveune

499.99 for heundreud and naïneti
-naïne poïnte naïneti-naïne

2.8 billion tou poïnte eït billieune

Pronunciation – Years (1)

1900

1957

2000

2007

2014

Pronunciation – Years (2)

1900 (nineteen hundred)

1957 (nineteen fifty-seven)

2000 (two thousand)

2007 (two thousand (and) seven)

2014 (twenty fourteen)

Pronunciation – Years (3)

1900 ,nain'ti:n 'hʌndrəd

1957 ,nain'ti:n 'fiftɪ-'sevn

2000 tu: 'θaʊznd

2007 tou 'θaʊznd (ən(d)) 'sevn

2014 'twentɪ ,fɔ:ti:n

Pronunciation – Years (4)

1900 naïnetine heundreud

1957 naïnetine fifti-seveune

2000 tou thaouzeunde

2007 tou thaouzeunde (and)
seveune

2014 touenti fo(r)tine

Questions?

Pronunciation – A few words (1-1)

here is

although

convention

philosophy

Pronunciation – A few words (1-2)

here is **hɪər ɪz / hɪr ɪz**

(**h**ier ɪz / **h**ir ɪz)

although **ɔ:l'ðəʊ / ɔ:l'ðoʊ**

(aultho)

convention **kən'venʃn**

(keunveinesheune)

philosophy **fɪ'lɒsəfɪ / fə'lɑ:səfɪ**

(filozofi)

Pronunciation – A few words (2-1)

development

emphasis

partnerships

helping

Pronunciation – A few words (2-2)

development di'veləpmənt
(diveleupmeunte)

emphasis 'emfəsis
(emfeuzis)

partnerships 'pɑ:tnə(r)ʃɪp
(partneu(r)ships)

helping 'helpɪŋ
(helping)

Translate & Read aloud (1)

Bien qu'encore à ses débuts, les effets de la Convention sur la biodiversité biologique se font déjà sentir. La philosophie du développement durable, l'approche écosystème et l'accent mis sur l'établissement de partenariats concourent à modeler l'action globale sur la biodiversité.

www.cbd.int/convention/guide/?id=conclusion

Translate & Read aloud (2)

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Although still in its infancy, the Convention on Biological Diversity is already making itself felt. The philosophy of sustainable development, the ecosystem approach, and the emphasis on building partnerships are all helping to shape global action on biodiversity.

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