

PLINP201 Phonology of English

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Assessment

- (MA) Your assessment is only by relevant questions in the invigilated written examination in May. You have however been encouraged to do the regular weekly assignments, although they will not count towards your exam result.
- (BA/BSc) You are assessed 50% on the basis of the weekly assignments, and 50% on an essay on a subject of your choice (2500 words, by 1 May).

Suggested topic:

In connected speech, words are often pronounced in a way that differs from their citation form.

Examples of other possible topics

Manners of articulation (affricates, approximants...)
Plosives and their realization (aspiration, masking...)
Vowels and their realization (clipping, diphthongs...)
Coarticulation (assimilation, allophones...)
Dictionaries, representation of pronunciation in
Glottal stops (glottal reinforcement, glottal replacement...)
Phoneme and allophone
Phonotactics
Spelling and pronunciation (spelling-to-sound rules...)
Weakening processes
Teaching EFL, relevance to
Transcription systems

Key reading

- The essential reference book is A.C.Gimson, *Introduction to the Pronunciation of English*, 6th ed. revised by Alan Cruttenden, Edward Arnold 1962/2001. Rather easier (but EFL-oriented) is Peter Roach, *English phonetics and phonology*, 3rd ed., CUP 2000.
- A very useful new source is B. Collins and I. Mees, *Practical Phonetics and Phonology*, London: Routledge, particularly section B4 (pages 101-109).
- Other useful sources are articles in Susan Ramsaran (ed.), *Studies in the Pronunciation of English*, Routledge 1990, and the notes scattered around J.C.Wells, *Longman Pronunciation Dictionary*, Longman 2000.
- For another perspective, try Heinz Giegerich, *English Phonology*, Cambridge 1992.

Please return your weekly assignments so that they may be seen by a second marker and the external examiner.