

Week 4 – Term 2 – Sept 2016 – Class Contents – **UPPER Intermediate** Class

Agenda

- 1. **LEARN**: “ə(r)” Pronunciation Technique
 - 2. **REVIEW**: 2 PRE-QUESTION Phrases
 - 3. **CHECK**: Homework Assignment
 - 4. **LEARN**: 3 Business Concern Questions
 - 5. Homework Assignment
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Today’s PRONUNCIATION Point:

- “ir” pronunciation
- “er” pronunciation
- “or” pronunciation
- “ur” pronunciation
- “ar” pronunciation

“er” Pronunciation

Stressed	Unstressed
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1. service• 2. serve• 3. Term• 4. insert• 5. concern• 6. version	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1. center• 2. receiver• 3. However• 4. answer• 5. after• 6. her

“or” Pronunciation

Stressed	Unstressed
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1. work• 2. working• 3. worst• 4. word• 5. worth	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1. labor• 2. Trevor• 3. honor• 4. vendor• 5. color

“ir” Pronunciation

Stressed	Unstressed
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1. first• 2. bird• 3. third• 4. girl• 5. confirm• 6. shirt• 7. firmware	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1. stir• 2. Fir• 3. repair• 4. sir• 5. fair• 6. pair

“ur” Pronunciation

Stressed	Unstressed
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1. Furthermore• 2. purpose• 3. surprise• 4. survive• 5. turn• 6. burn• 7. curve	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1. future• 2. feature• 3. venture• 4. furniture• 5. Fur• 6. amateur• 7. our / hour

“ar” Pronunciation

Stressed	Unstressed
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1. calendar• 2. grammar• 3. solar• 4. similar	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5. particular• 6. scholar• 7. circular• 8. popular

REVIEW: 2 Pre-Question Phrases

- **Question:**
- What are TWO good phrases to use **before** you ask a question in business?

Answer:

- **2 KEY Phrases to use BEFORE you “ask” a question in business situations:**
- 1. **If I may ask,**
- 2. **If you don’t mind me asking,.....**

Examples:

“If I may ask,.....”

- 1. **If I may ask**, what time is the meeting tomorrow?
- 2. **If I may ask**, when will you be finished?
- 3. **If I may ask**, what do you think about our new plan?

“If I may ask,.....”

- 1. **If you don’t mind me asking**, how much is the cost?
- 2. **If you don’t mind me asking**, do you think our new product will be successful?
- 3. **If you don’t mind me asking**, can we have a meeting next week?

CHECK: HOMEWORK

- Make 3 original questions for today's to key patterns:
- 1. **If I may ask,**
- 2. **If you don't mind me asking,.....**
- **Total: 6 original examples**

LEARN: 3 Business Concern Questions

- 3 KEY QUESTIONS to express "concerns" in business situations:
- 1. **Is there anything that you are concerned about at the moment? (General Type)**
- 2. **Do you have any concerns regarding...? (Specific Type)**
- 3. **Any concerns at the moment? (General Type)**

HOMEWORK

- Directions:
- 1. **Think about your job, work, or project.**
- 2. **Then, make 5 original examples for:**
- **"Do you have any concerns regarding....?"**
- **Total: 5 original questions**

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