

Week 5 – Term 2 – Sept 2016 – Class Contents – **UPPER Intermediate** Class

Agenda

- 1. **REVIEW**: “ə(r)” Pronunciation Technique
 - 2. **REVIEW**: 3 Business Concern Questions
 - 3. **CHECK**: Homework
 - 4. **LEARN**: Collaboration and Intonation Techniques
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REVIEW: “ə(r)” 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

PRACTICE HOMEWORK: Practice these sentences many times before the next class!

1. Our vendor said the service center will repair the AV receiver on October 23rd.
2. First, our purpose is to work and confirm the firmware by the 3rd of December.
3. The new vendor is considering and concerned about releasing the third version in the future.

REVIEW: 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)

CHECKED: 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

LEARN: Collaborate with Pre Question Phrase + Business Concern Question

Technique: Pre Question Phrase + Business Concern Question

- Examples:
- 1. **If I may ask**, is there anything that you are concerned about at the moment?
- 2. **If you don't mind me asking**, do you have any concerns regarding..?
- 3. **If I may ask**, any concerns at the moment?

LEARN: Intonation Techniques to make your speaking dynamic

Technique #1: Stretch **BLUE** words

If I may ask, do you have any **concerns** regarding....?

- 1. If I may **ask**, do you have any **concerns** regarding regarding the new specifications?
- 2. If I may **ask**, do you have any **concerns** regarding our proposal?
- 3. If I may **ask**, do you have any **concerns** regarding tomorrow's meeting?

Homework #1: Make 3 original sentences.

Technique #2: Stretch BLUE words

If you don't mind me asking, do you have any concerns regarding....?

1. If you don't mind me asking, do you have any concerns regarding my idea?
2. If you don't mind me asking, do you have any concerns regarding our new vendor?
3. If you don't mind me asking, do you have any concerns regarding the new software?

Homework #2: Make 3 original sentences.

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