

## **MOST COMMONLY MISPRONOUNCED WORDS IN ENGLISH**

Hello and welcome,

So you are wanting to improve your English pronunciation and speak English more clearly! This list of the most commonly mispronounced words in English are words that we use often so correcting them will make your speech clearer.

We hope you enjoy using it. We certainly enjoyed putting it together. If you have any words that you find difficult to pronounce and would like us to add them to this list, please email to [info@speechmatters.com.au](mailto:info@speechmatters.com.au).

Check your pronunciation! Take notice of the stressed syllable in each word (this is underlined) and be careful of vowel length. Look out for the weak vowel in English, 'ə' called schwa. To hear the English vowels pronounced and revise the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) visit our 'Speech Tips' page at [www.speechmatters.com.au](http://www.speechmatters.com.au)

Don't forget to listen to this list too at the 'Speech Tips' page mentioned above.

Happy practising!

The 30 most commonly mispronounced English words are:

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| 1. <u>cup</u> board   | 16. <u>technique</u>                     |
| 2. <u>salmon</u>      | 17. <u>unique</u>                        |
| 3. <u>calm</u>        | 18. <u>economy</u>                       |
| 4. <u>colleague</u>   | 19. <u>economics</u> / <u>economical</u> |
| 5. <u>April</u>       | 20. <u>rapport</u>                       |
| 6. <u>August</u>      | 21. <u>courier</u>                       |
| 7. <u>drought</u>     | 22. <u>focus</u>                         |
| 8. <u>purchase</u>    | 23. <u>southern</u>                      |
| 9. <u>purpose</u>     | 24. <u>chef</u>                          |
| 10. <u>determine</u>  | 25. <u>chief</u>                         |
| 11. <u>examine</u>    | 26. <u>flood</u>                         |
| 12. <u>voucher</u>    | 27. <u>prawn</u>                         |
| 13. <u>towards</u>    | 28. <u>law</u>                           |
| 14. <u>technology</u> | 29. <u>parameter</u>                     |
| 15. <u>technical</u>  | 30. <u>archive</u>                       |