



PODCAST TRANSCRIPT

Episode 11:

“Five words you (probably) mispronounce #2”

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00:00	<p>Well hello there, my language lovers!</p> <p>Welcome to episode 11 of the Déclic Anglais podcast. Thank you very much for joining me back here, today we're concentrating on pronunciation. If you are a regular listener to the DA podcast, maybe you remember episode 3: "Five words you (probably) mispronounce."</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
00:31	<p>Well, in today's episode we will be following exactly the same format. We will be improving your pronunciation 5 words at a time. As many of you know already, I also offer live 1-on-1 English classes. If you want to know more about my classes and workshops, feel free to have a look on our website, at www.declicananglais.com.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
00:59	<p>The words we will be exploring today are some of the most commonly mispronounced words I hear during my classes. So, let's get down to business.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>

01:11	Generally, English conjugations are simple. But it can get a bit complicated when we get to the simple past, because some verbs are irregular. For example, “I went to the cinema” (<i>je suis allé au cinéma</i>), “I bought some popcorn” (<i>j’ai acheté du popcorn</i>).
01:40	Let’s explore the pronunciation of 3 verbs in the simple past: “to buy” (<i>acheter</i>), “to catch” (<i>attraper</i>), and “to teach” (<i>enseigner</i>). <i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i>
01:50	In the simple past, these 3 verbs all finish in “UGHT”. The problem for learners, is that the GH here is silent, we don’t pronounce it. In classes I often hear “I BOGT bread” (<i>j’ai acheté du pain</i>), or “I COGT the train” (<i>j’ai pris le train</i>). This is bad pronunciation. So let’s correct that now. <i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i>
02:24	Buy in the simple past is pronounced, BOUGHT. (The GH is silent). “I bought bread”. Catch in the simple past tense is pronounced CAUGHT. “I caught the bus”. Teach in the simple past tense is pronounced TAUGHT. “I taught the students”. <i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i>

<p>02:52</p>	<p>Buy – bought. Catch – caught. Teach – taught.</p> <p>Can you hear that? They rhyme! It’s just the first letters that make a different sound! Easy to remember, isn’t it?</p> <p>Buy – bought. Catch – caught. Teach – taught.</p> <p>Easy!</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
<p>03:15</p>	<p>Now you, I’ll say the infinitive. Can you say the simple past? Ready? Buy... Catch... Teach... Good, if you were listening carefully, you should have answered “bought, caught, taught”.</p> <p>Brilliant, let’s move onto our next point.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
<p>03:48 04:06</p>	<p>Our next two words start with “WH”: the first word is “whole” (<i>entier</i>). The second word is “who” (<i>qui</i>).</p> <p>Again, the biggest problem students have here is that they say these words exactly how they are written. So I hear “WOLE” and “WOO”. Sorry guys, the “W” here is silent. I know, it’s confusing because in “where” or “what”, we hear the “W”. But not in “whole” (<i>entier</i>) or “who” (<i>qui</i>).</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>

04:36	<p>It's the "H" that we hear, "WHOLE", "WHO". Not "OLE" or "OOH". "WHOLE", "WHO".</p> <p>To practice, try repeating this sentence: "Who are you?" "Who are you?"</p> <p>So, let's move on to "Whole". Let's practice this sentence: "The whole day long" (<i>toute la journée</i>). "The whole day long".</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
05:20	<p>Very good! It's not so difficult, is it? I know, it's annoying that the spelling doesn't always reflect the pronunciation. But keep practicing, "practice makes perfect!"</p> <p>So, I hope this episode has been useful! And more importantly, I hope that you are enjoying listening to this podcast as much as I enjoy creating it.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
05:45	<p>I plan on integrating a pronunciation episode every few weeks. Does that sound good to you? If so, let me know which words are the most difficult for you to say. I'll integrate them into the next podcasts. But please, no tongue twisters (<i>les virelangues</i>) no tongue twisters: "she sells seashells on the seashore" or "Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled pepper!"</p> <p>Ok, dear listeners, on that note I wish you a great day! And I look forward to seeing you back here for episode 12. Bye for now!</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>

How did it go?

Take a moment to revisit the notes that you took.

List here 3 words or expressions (minimum) that you would like to remember from this podcast. We recommend that you consult a free, online dictionary like www.wordreference.com to ensure that you have the correct definition and context.

WORDS/EXPRESSIONS THAT I WANT TO REMEMBER:

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