

## Patterns

Many patterns within English sound the same and are pronounced in the same way. The sooner you learn the patterns in English the sooner you will speak this language exquisitely. English is not phonetic as even the word phonetic is spelled with a ph instead of an F. It's Foneticos in Portuguese for example. Therefore, it is easier to learn the patterns in English. Now...

The letters **er** at the end of a word often mean that something is more in comparison  
E.g. Better, Faster, Quicker, Smarter,

But it can also describe someone that does something

E.g. A player plays, A writer writes, A footballer plays football

The letters underlined below are not pronounced as they seemed to be. Instead they are pronounced as other English words shown on the <i>right hand side</i> .	
<u>Uncle</u>	Call
<u>Simple</u>	Pull
<u>Profitable</u>	Ball
<u>Adorable</u>	Ball

Cheese

Chocolate

Cheers

Chips

Reach

Ch in English is pronounced the same in all of these words, so learn the sound.

Qickly

Rapidly

Only

Funnily

The pattern **ly** is pronounced as Lee. Remember this because Lee is an English name.

Thumb = fumb

Thought = fought

Phonetic = fonetic

Physics = fisics

Ph is always pronounced as an F. Th is often pronounced as an F.

Although  
Also  
Alright

Pronounce Al as All. Do this Always

Pronunciation  
Action  
Reaction  
Location

Is pronounced as Shun. In Portuguese this is ção which can make translating many words simple.

Computer  
Cue  
Muse  
Fuse

This sound is like the word **few** or **new**. So say these words out loud and remember them.

English tends to use as few syllables as possible. An example of this is words which end in **ed**.

Call/Called, Play/Played, Type/Typed, Cook/Cooked

With all of these words you always, **only use 1 syllable**. I used to hear Portuguese speakers say “call-led instead of **called**”. Remember this pronunciation because native speakers couldn't understand you if you said it with 2 syllables. The word gets longer but remains as just 1 syllable. Sometimes it is different:

**Initiate/Initiated:** when the word has a **t** before the ed you do add an extra syllable.

E.g. i-ni-ti-a-ted

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