

Better Spoken English
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Phrasal Pause in English II

Good morning sir, Once again please everybody with very good smile. Let the world not realize that, IIT Madras B.Techs are. you know unhappy before lunch, there as happy as after it please once again Good morning.

Good morning sir.

Right we will go to continue all of this month and part of the next month with practice in pronunciation of English. So, the song, we had yesterday was in a sudden sense beginning you. We are trying to get the rhythm and it is very important for the pronunciation of any language that you get the rhythm right, is part of the pronunciation. And the rhythm in any language is made up of only very simple one or two things. Number one at the speed at which you speak then again I have been trying to telling you please speak slowly. Slow in of comfortably and with passes you noticed it yesterday that though it had, may have the entire song may have had only one sentence all I want is you room some where one sentences not their entire song entire line, but then there is a pause where is the pause? In the first line after one all I want.

And similarly you know when you get lots of.

Come on give it to me.

This is the rhythm you know you gives some sounds length, some other sounds do not get length, some where you pause, some where you do not pause this is what we have to learn all of us God has nature has given as the ability the sense to recognize where we should take a pause sometimes we may make mistakes, but you know that is where you need help you need some training and what I am going to do now is trying to help you get that training. You can train yourself into listening and recognizing pause when others

speak. So that when you speak you take right pause at the right place. Am I clear to you? I am going to play to you today a politician speech, leader speech. I am sure you are familiar with text. You may or may not have heard the voice I am not too sure, but try and recognize the pause and when I ask you to write. You can put strokes before or after the words, where you notice pause. Am I clear to you?

Yes sir.

Everybody please.

Yes sir.

Relax sit with your back to the bench and listen and concentrate may be you can close your eyes if you like.

How many pauses in first line? What are those?

After

You are familiar with text. Are'tn you? Who is spoken this? Whose speech is this? Who was he?

Jawaharlal Nehru

Who was he?

Yes serious who was he?

Prime minister of India share it on a bench when did he die? Did he die? When? No idea my God! Make a guess roughly when did he die? Share it. Just copy the first para on your note book and mark the stresses. Since you sung song very well yesterday, you will get a copy. Who well sung very well? Make it copy. You sung very well yesterday Who well song very well yesterday you did?

Yes who else you sang very well? Who else make it claim? Who sang very well yesterday you need I find it? Yes. Did you? Others please copy the first paragraph from your text.

What I am going to do is, I am going to play it again. Can you are you with me? Can you hear me? Can I have your attention please; I am going to play the same speech again. All you have to do is in the first paragraph alone, mark strokes to indicate all those places when Nehru takes a pause. Am I clear to you? Yes or No everybody please.

Yes sir.

Sure, yes right please listen and mark stresses, sorry mark pauses.

I will give you a minute mark pauses. Ready I will ask you read it now. Can I ask you the last bench to read it loud with pauses as Nehru did it.

We made a tryst with destiny and now the time comes when we shall redeem our pledge not wholly or in full measured, but very substantially at the stroke of the mid night hour when the world sleeps, India will awake to life and freedom.

Thank you, very well done very good really. Please somebody from next bench. Yes please . you stand up hold the script and do it with full voice.

A moment comes, which comes but rarely in history, when we step out from the old to the new, when an age ends, and when the soul of a nation, long suppressed, finds utterance. It is fitting that at this solemn moment we take the pledge of dedication to the service of India and her people and to the still larger cause of humanity.""

Yes, you pauses are ok, but you know you did in put part. I would like to call voice or enthusiasm. you know put in act it out. Next bench please do it with the first paragraph beginning?

Long years ago we made a tryst with destiny and now the time comes when we shall redeem our pledge not wholly or in full measured, but very substantially at the stroke of the mid night hour when the world sleeps, India will awake to life and freedom.

Thank you, Good well done. Please somebody from next bench. Yes.

A moment comes, which comes but rarely in history, when we step out from the old to the new, when an age ends, and when the soul of a nation, long suppressed, finds utterance. It is fitting that at this solemn moment we take the pledge of dedication to the service of India and her people and to the still larger cause of humanity.""

Thank you, you know this is speech. I took only the first paragraph the voice what I want to do now is to look at the next two three paragraph. you can these people you know. my friends in the center can look at the second paragraph? You can look you can look at the third. You can look at the fourth. Mark pauses and I am going to ask, you to speak imagining as Nehru, did it. Is the role right. Do you understand the task? Please yes or no.

Yes sir.

Right do it use your pencil mark pauses. Do some silent practice? And I am going to ask you to speak with voice and pauses. Do not take longer than two minutes. Use your pencil. Aparna use your pencil. I am going to ask you to imagine you are Nehru and read it loud. You have good voice do some practice. Shall we come together? Where ever you have doubt about stresses, please, look up you dictionary where ever you are doubts about which part of a particularly long word is stressed. Look up...where is your dictionary. Any doubt. Where is your dictionary with you? Please tomorrow I am going to ask you whether you brought it. Otherwise I want to say do not come in. Check all the long words. You know make sure, you can borrow from your friends. You know get it in to the habit of checking with the source. Check the pronunciation of long words. Check where is stress are? Do you have a dictionary?

Yes, I give it to the all bench. Thus now whole is like your shirt in classics. Do you have a dictionary? Bring it from tomorrow and borrow somebody else dictionary. Check, get correct pronunciation, particularly long words. Remember to bring your own dictionary tomorrow and all other days. What paragraph is yours fourth from the top? Are you ready? Shall we? Whose doing the second paragraph? You are doing second paragraph.

Everybody please, we will pay attention now. We will come back into the group again. Once we will go back to the individual work, but at the moment will try and hear our friend is all right.

And you may, if you do not agree with the way our friend pauses or stresses word put a mark. There I am going to ask you if you have any differences of opinion. Do you understand me? Sure so, pay attention your eyes to the text your ears to the friends voice common.

At the dawn of history India started on her unending quest, and trackless centuries are filled with her striving and the grandeur of her successes, and her failures. Through good and ill fortune alike she has never lost sight of that quest or forgotten the ideals which gave her strength. We end today a period of ill fortune and India discovers herself again. The achievement we celebrate today is but a step, an opening of opportunity, to the greater triumphs and achievements that await us. Are we brave enough and wise enough to grasp this opportunity and accept the challenge of the future

Yes sir.

Thank you, can you check the pronunciation of the word o p p o r t u n i t y. What is it? How do you pronounce this word o p p o r? You know, one day I am going to have a look up the dictionary competition ten words two winners. We have does it first? How you pronounced opportunity? What is it?

Opportunity what is it?

Opportunity

Anyone, else you, from this group would like to do it? Anyone else, again would you like to do it? Please the same paragraph.

At the dawn of history India started on her unending quest, and trackless centuries are filled with her striving and the grandeur of her successes, and her failures.

Thank you, sits down next. Somebody next sentence somebody else from this group right please.

Through good and ill fortune alike

Alike it is a long word.

She has never lost sight of that quest or forgotten the ideals which gave her strength. We end today a period of ill fortune and India discovers herself again.

Yeah

Yeah.

Thank you, anyone else in these groups the next two sentences. Yes, you have to begin with the achievement. Take your time. Next would you like to do it? please

The achievement we celebrate today

Go slowly the achievement celebrate today.

is but a step, an opening of opportunity, to the greater triumphs and achievements that await us. Are we brave enough and wise enough to grasp this opportunity and accept the challenge of the future?

Thank you, let us go to the next group, what paragraph did you do? Third paragraph. So, one of you please

Hold the scripts in your hand and look towards most of you listeners turn this way may be you can stand in eye yes.

That future is not one of ease or resting but of incessant striving so that we might fulfill the pledges we have so often taken and the One we shall take today.

Thank you, next you can do the next sentence.

The service of India means the service of the millions who suffer. It means the ending of poverty and ignorance and disease and inequality of opportunity..

Thank you, next. Ambition of the greatest

Go slow.

The ambition of the greatest man of our generation has been to wipe every tear from every eye. That may be beyond us but as long as there are tears and suffering, so long our work will not be over Thank you, you can do the same paragraph.

That future is not one of ease or resting but of incessant striving so that we might fulfill the pledges we have so often taken and the One we shall take today. The service of India means the service of the millions who suffer.

Thank you, remaining lines in the paragraph.

It means the ending of poverty and ignorance and disease and inequality of opportunity.

Opportunity

Opportunity

The ambition of the greatest man of our generation has been to wipe every tear from every eye. That may be beyond us but as long as there are tears and suffering, so long our work will not be over.

You can do the first two lines.

That future is not one of ease or resting but of incessant striving so that we might fulfill the pledges we have so often taken and the One we shall take today. The service of India means the service of the millions who suffer.

Thank you, Aparna do the remaining lines.

It means the ending of poverty and ignorance and disease and inequality of opportunity.

Go slowly more slowly. Yes,

The ambition of the greatest man of our generation has been to wipe every tear from every eye. That may be beyond us but as long as there are tears and suffering, so long our work will not be over.

You may have noticed that Nehru speaks with much greater ease . You take time delivered each phrase.

That future is not one of ease or resting but of incessant striving so that we might fulfill the pledges we have so often taken and the One we shall take today. The service of India means the service of the millions who suffer.

Thank you, let us do the next paragraph what did you do? Fourth paragraph.

Please listen.

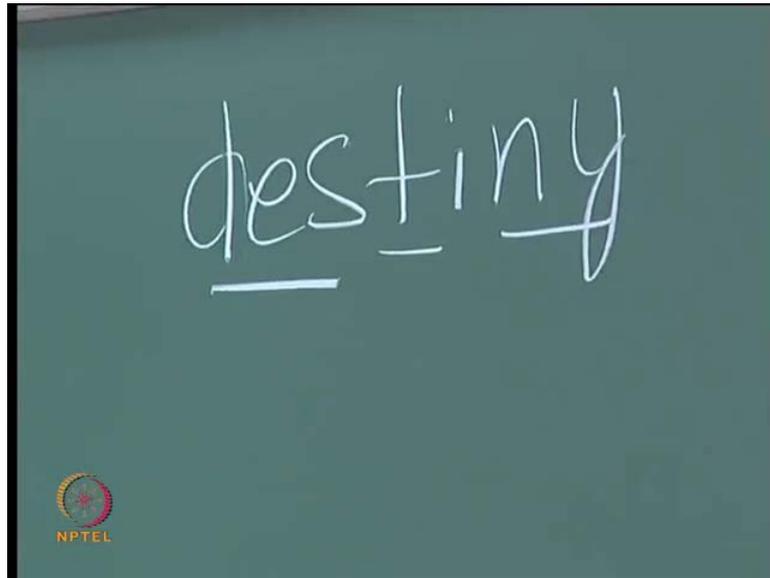
Yes, shall we please pay attention watch? You know, When your friends speak they deserve your attention use your pencil to see if they are doing it in the way you would like to do it. Please.

And so we have to labour and to work and work hard to give reality to our dreams. Those dreams are for India, but they are also for the world, for all the nations and peoples are too closely knit together today for anyone of them to imagine that it can live apart. Peace has been said to be indivisible; so is freedom, so is prosperity now, and so also is disaster in this one world that can no longer be split into isolated fragments.

I will come back to you guys. Again I want to you pick up the book. Look at page number fifty eight does everyone here have a copy of the book. You can take one from me. One do you have copy anyone who does not have a copy please? No copy, on the bench! Why not? You neither have dictionary nor the book tomorrow bring book. You have access to you have something on this bench right look at page number fifty eight and I have marked pauses there can we read with book pauses.

Just wait here, I want to draw your attention to some theoretical stuff and then you know. You will get into practice again in each group as we pause. in each group of words we pause some words are more prominently marked more prominently stressed then others. For example, in the first line of Nehruji speech long is prominent in that group long years ago. It is not long years ago. Does it say that? Does the Nehru say that? It is a long year ago, long is prominent? May be in a next group what is the most prominent word? We made a tryst with destiny, but when you have the long word

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When you have a word like destiny, what is this?

Destiny

Which part of this word is more prominently stressed?

It has three parts what are those parts.

Des.

Des.

Ti.

Ti

Née

Née

We in the grammar of English call it syllables. Every language has words, which are organized in syllables. Syllables organized to get into larger group called word. We will talk more about it later, but one of these syllables, there are three syllables here one of these syllables is most prominently stressed. What syllable is that?

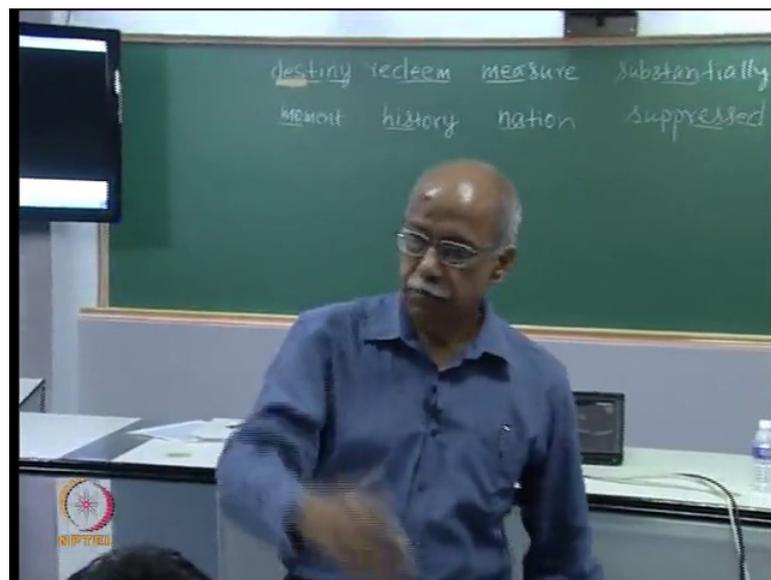
Des.

Des how do you pronounce it?

Des.

In India, in many of our languages we have very or relatively speaking. We have very little difference between stressed part and unstressed part. We have limited difference between stressed part and unstressed part we do not say patshala do you say that? We say patshala. But in English you know they stressed. we do not say vidyalaya, Do you say that, but in English university. Similarly you know here des is given in prominence. So, in English, are you with me in English the stressed syllable is very prominent. Please write, in English particularly long words stressed syllable is very prominent.

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How do you pronounce it? Pronounce destiny. Let us look at some other words. There is another word here from Nehru's speech. What is this? Pronounce redeems. This is hardly heard. It is reduced, very short, but the other thing is long. How do pronounce it? Redeem. Can you underline all the long words on your note book, sorry in the Nehruji speech, that I gave you. And then you know, I am going to ask you to tell me the stresses. I am going to write them here. You have to look at the stick at any one or two paragraph first.

Let us do this, how do you pronounce this? Pronounce destiny. Hear redeem. Do not be. Once again, how do you do it? Pronounce redeem. Hear measure. Yes hear substantially. Yes, that is great. Hear midnight. Check with your dictionary midnight. Check with your dictionary. I am going to play Nehru and you know, but check it first.

Long years ago we made tryst with destiny. And now the time comes, when we shall redeem our pledge not fully are in full measured substantially and the stroke of the midnight hour. When worlds sleeps it.

What does Nehru say? And the stroke of mid night hour. So, stressed midnight. Next what is it? Freedom. What is this? Moment. What is this? Moment. It is long. What is this? History. How does Nehru do it? History. You know he also brings this (()), but you do not have that necessary. How do you pronounce it? History. How do you do it? Nation. How do you do it? Suppressed. How do you do it? Utterance. How do you do it? Dedication. In which part the k dedication is stressed cat. Pronounce dedication. Now we will divide a work among our self. You can take at the last paragraph on the front page. We have to build the nation. You find long word mark stresses. Work in groups together. You can take fourth paragraph on the front page and you can take the third paragraph on the front page. Check long words, check all the long words and mark stresses. And you have only two minutes. Please not long, only two minutes. Which paragraph did you get? Right, yes. Work in groups. Work in groups. Over, finished, finished. Have you completed it? Not it. Go out. Just one little paragraph. Only look at long words and mark the stressed part there. No more. Right, finished, finished

Can you tell me give the list of words with stresses? You have a spoken. You have a spoken, but your friend has not spoken. Then give me the list of words (()) and. can we please come together. I am again asking you I am going to again ask you to go back to individual one, but let us please. few is incessant, driving which paragraph is that third paragraph come on the first page yes go ignorance, yes equality yes ambition ambition ambition yes next generation yes opportunity yes good what about b e y o n d beyond. Give it time any other word that my friend has missed in that paragraph. Ease, ease.

What paragraph did you do fourth? Who from your group has not spoken? You have not spoken. Give me all stressed words from fourth paragraph. Tell me. Labor yes prosperity yes disaster yes (()) prosperity, disaster lovely. How about I s o l a t e d? How did you

do? Check with dictionary. Isolated. What paragraph? You have spoken. You have not spoken. Please give me the list of words.

Which paragraph? Fifth paragraph. Please yes, do it loud. Can we please come together? Distance again long struggle measure depends redeem (()).

Thank you very much. You know we have time could not included everyone else, the point are making is next time you speak. You will have a fair idea the long words that are going to be there in your presentation, in your speech, in your utterance try and get right stresses on these words. I am going to give you last test and we will break for today. Look at the exercise part of your chapter the same chapter, but come to the exercise same chapter. What page number is that exercise? Six zero, right. Do you have exercise there? Ok. Take it quick look at all those sentence take a particularly good look at number ten and twelve. I am going to randomly ask any one of to you read it aloud with proper pause is and proper stress. Correct. You have exercised their page number sixty and sixty one. And I have not mark pass is there. I have neither mark stress is there. I expect, to you read from sentence number one to sorry exercise number one to twelve, take a quick look at all their exercise, but exercise ten eleven and twelve give it good look and see how you like to do it. Then I will ask one of two you to (()).

I will give you exactly two minutes to look throwing the entire text. Particularly use time look at number ten eleven and twelve. If it is your book you can use your pencil mark. Can you begin with number one please, or you can begin number one. We I convince sir. Number two. Can you wait a little? Number three please come together. Would you (()) coming tomorrow at the same time sir. Thank you. Next please

(()) next number five I am sorry have kept you make it six yeah what is the time by seven give an opportunity there are many people (()) eight (()) nine (()) go more slowly yes

Thank you next sentence.

Punishing the criminals it is said is said is like a removing the symptom not the cause. Can you do number ten? The first prime minister of India the late pundit Jawaharlal Nehru was very particular people should speak every language the way the way it should

be spoken he said that many British and American people found English difficult to understand, because of its rapid speed of eloquent.

I don't think, we can go through all of it today, but may I strongly suggest you know the exercise here and you know randomly. I have given you the numbers. You know your own telephone numbers, postal code numbers. Can you make a list of these things and do some practice. Next time at the next presentation. In the next third cycle of presentation, I will a pay of tension to a stress and pause. You will have marks to gain or lose for these futures of English pronunciation. I will also pay attention to the way you tell me your roll number. So, learn to produce these utterances with proper pause and proper stress that at come only through practice In this book I have given you some exercise, but you can go beyond and do them on your own. Do you have any question? Thank you, have a good day.