

## Chinese Pronunciation Problems

1. /ð/ they / day – they will play badminton the day after tomorrow.
2. /æ/ man/men - a group of men were running after a man.
3. /æ/ ran / run – I went for a run and ran into my tutor.
4. /æ/ cat / cart – the expensive car crashed into the cart.
5. /ɒ/ not / nought – do not add a couple of noughts on the price, that's unfair
6. /ɒ/ God / good – If God is good, why is there so much starvation?
7. /ʊ:/ fool / full – I made a fool of myself in a pub full of people.
8. /ʌ/ cup / cap – the man wearing the cap with the cup in his hand.
9. /b/ bill / pill – the bill for the pills was incredibly expensive.
10. /v/ van / fan – our new van has broken down. I think it's the fan.
11. /v/ vet / wet – after treating the cows in the field the vet was really wet.
12. /i:/ seat / sit – can you take a seat there and sit down for a while.
13. /θ/ thin / sin – I think it's a sin to be too thin.
14. /h/ hot / lock – it's too hot in here. Can you unlock the window?
15. /ð/ clothe / close – can you close the curtains? I'm not wearing enough clothes.
16. /d/ made / mate – I made a new mate in the pub last night.
17. /z/ rise / rice – I was eating rice while watching the sunrise this morning.
18. /tʃ/ cherry / sherry – have you ever tried cherry-flavoured sherry?
19. /ŋ/ thing / think – Here is a thing to think about. Can tortoises swim?
20. /l/ light / right – I don't think that light is right for this room.
21. /θ/ thin / tin – That tin is much too thin for that roof.
22. /z/ usually - this usually happens two to three times a week.
23. /ʒi:/ technology - advances in technology have created many benefits for society.
24. /s/ advantages / positives - there are many advantages and positives to studying at university

## Arabic Pronunciation Problems

1. /ʌ/ cup / cap – the man wearing the cap with the cup in his hand.
2. /ɪ/ sit / set – if you sit there, I'll set you up with a test.
3. /əʊ/ note / not – I did not get the note you sent me.
4. /ɔɪ/ boy / ball – Did you see the handsome ball boy in the tennis match?
5. /ɔɪ/ buy / boy – I'd like to buy a ball for my boy.
6. /eɪ/ late / let – I'll let you off for being late this time only.
7. /ɪə/ beer / bear – I went to the circus and saw a bear drinking beer.
8. /ɜ:/ bird / bored – Have you ever seen a bored bird?
9. /ʌ/ but / bet – The horse won the race but I didn't bet on it.
10. /ɔ:/ bought / boat – My nephew has just bought a luxurious boat.
11. /ɔ:/ nought / note – she's written a cheque to you with four noughts on it.
12. /e/ set / sat – after I sat down, I set to work on my essay.
13. /e/ clothe / close – can you close the curtains? I'm not wearing enough clothes.
14. /ɪŋ/ thing / think – Here is a thing to think about. Can tortoises swim?
15. /dʒ/ jerry / sherry – did you see Jerry drinking the sherry at the party last night?
16. /dʒ/ age / Asia – what is the legal age to drink alcohol in Asia?
17. /əʊ/ bone / born – I was bone with a broken bone in my arm
18. /θ/ thin/ sin – I think it's a sin to be too thin.
19. /θ/ pit/ bit – I fell into a pit and lost a bit of my bag.
20. /v/ van / fan – our new van has broken down. I think it's the fan.
21. /θ/ flour / phone – I need to phone up the baker to order some flour.
22. /əʊ/ fire / liar – the fire was caused by a liar.
23. /tʊə/ tour – I'd love to take a tour of London on an open-top double decker.
24. /tʃ/ watch / what – you should watch what you eat.
25. /b/ benefits – the potential benefits are particularly beneficial for all.

## Conversation practice

### /L/ A guided tour commentary

Ladies and gentlemen, on your left you will see Lumley Castle. This belongs to Lord and Lady Lumley, who live here with their family. All the land on the left of the road belongs to the Lumley's. They have a famous collection of wild animals, including lions, so please do not leave the coach until we are safely inside the carpark. We are lucky; Lord Lumley is allowing us to leave the grounds and go inside this beautiful stately home. Most people can only look at the castle from the outside.

### /L/ + /R/ + /n/ Opera

The Leeds Opera company has just produced an opera by the Italian composer Carino. Carino wrote the opera in 1803, and it was performed in Rome and London. Then it was lost. It has only recently been found, last year, locked in drawer in an old London library.

### /R/ Pronunciation

The Regency Restaurant / The Royal Free Hotel / The Electricity Company / The Technological Technology Group / Radio rentals / Refrigerator Retailers

### /B/ + /P/ + /V/ Bob's Worried

Bob is very worried about his friends. Barbara weighs 70 kilos and is very unfit. Ben has a violent temper and he's always in trouble. Vera's job is boring, and she always feels tired. And he never sees Wendy because she is so busy.

### /B/ + /P/ + /V/ Birthday

A: What can I give my brother for his birthday?

B: What does he do for a living?

A: He's a van driver.

B: Give him some driving gloves.

A: He doesn't wear gloves when he drives, not even in the winter.

B: What's his hobby?

A: When it's warm, he swims. When it's colder he plays golf.

B: Give him a set of golf clubs.

A: He's already got a bag of full clubs. His bag is so heavy he can hardly lift it.

### Consonant Clusters

Last Sunday, I had a strange dream. I was out walking along the street when I came across a small square, with a fountain. There was a big church and a bride was standing outside in a beautiful wedding dress. Suddenly there was a loud cry from the building opposite and I saw the bridegroom jump from the fifth floor into the fountain. Then I woke up.

She was walking over the bridge which came into a small street. A police officer was standing outside a large cottage next to a hair salon called 'Hair care by Claire'. On the roof of the smaller building opposite there was a variety of chimneys that were smoking.

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