

Pronunciation Poem.

- Dearest creature in creation,
- Study English pronunciation.
- I will teach you in my verse
- Sounds like corpse, horse, and worse.
- I will keep you, Suzy, busy,
- Make your head with heat grow dizzy.
- Tear in eye, your dress will tear.
- So shall I! Oh hear my prayer.
- Just compare heart, beard, and heard,
- Dies and diet, lord and word,
- Sword, retain and Britain.
- (Mind the latter, how it's written.)
- Now I surely will not plague you
- With such a word like plaque
- But be careful how you speak:
- Say break and steak, but bleak and streak;
- Oven, how and low,
- Script, receipt, show, poem, and toe.
- Hear me say, devoid of trickery,
- Daughter, laughter
- measles, topsails, aisles,
- Exiles, similes,
- Scholar, vicar, and cigar,
- Solar, war and far;
- One, Balmoral,
- Kitchen, laundry,
- Gertrude, German, wind and mind,
- Scene, mankind.
- What rhymes with ballet,
- Bouquet, wallet, mallet, chalet.
- Blood and flood are not like food,
- Nor is mould like should and would.
- Load and broad,
- Toward, to forward, to reward.
- And your pronunciation's OK
- When you correctly say croquet,
- Rounded, wounded, grieve and sieve,
- Friend and fiend, alive and live.
- Ivy, privy, famous; clamour
- River, rival, tomb, bomb, comb,
- Doll and roll and some and home.
- Stranger does not rhyme with anger,
- Souls but foul, haunt but aunt,
- Font, front, won't, want, grand, and grant,
- Shoes, goes, does. Now first say finger,
- And then singer, ginger, linger,

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- Real, zeal,
- Marriage, foliage, mirage, and age.
- Query does not rhyme with very,
- Nor does fury sound like bury.
- Mint, pint, senate and sedate;
- Dull, bull, and George ate late.
- Scenic, Arabic, Pacific,
- Science, conscience, scientific.
- Liberty, library, heave and heaven,
- Rachel, ache, moustache, eleven.
- We say hallowed, but allowed,
- People, leopard, towed, but vowed.
- Mark the differences, moreover,
- Between mover and clover;
- Leeches, breeches, wise, precise,
- Chalice, but police and lice;
- Camel, constable, unstable,
- Principle, disciple, label. Petal, panel, and canal,
- Wait, surprise, plait, promise, pal.
- Worm and storm, chaos, chair,
- Senator, spectator, mayor.
- Tour, but our and four.
- Gas, alas, and Arkansas.
- Sea, idea, Korea, area,
- Psalm, Maria, but malaria.
- Youth, south, southern, cleanse and clean.
- Compare alien with Italian,
- Dandelion and battalion.
- Eye, I, ay, aye, why, and key.
- Neither, leisure, deceiver.
- Heron, granary, canary.
- Crevice and device
- Large, but target, gin, give, verging,
- Ear, but earn and wear
- Do not rhyme with here
- Seven is right, but so is even,
- Hyphen, roughen, nephew Stephen,
- Monkey, donkey, Turk and jerk,
- Ask, grasp, wasp, and cork and work.
- Pronunciation is key
- Won't it make you lose your wits,
- It's a dark abyss or tunnel
- Finally, which rhymes with enough,
- Though, through, plough, or dough, or cough?
- Hiccough has the sound of cup.
- My advice is to give up!!!