

English Phonetics and Phonology

A practical course

Fourth edition

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Chapter 19

Exercise

Listen to the following passage, which is based on a recording of Peter Roach in an old radio broadcast:

-  I think in recent years we've seen much more of a consensus on the suprasegmental side. I think more and more people say "don't worry too much about vowels and consonants, but do concentrate on the rhythm, on the stress". I think there's a growing body of evidence that the major causes of misunderstandings, and of lack of fluency if you like, are to be found in in rhythmical mistakes and wrong placement of stress, failure to weaken the weak syllables, and so on.

Now listen to each tone-unit in turn. Each syllable has a button beneath it: click on the button for the syllable you think is the tonic syllable. Then in the drop-down menu on the right choose the tone you think it carries.

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| <p>1  I think in recent years
○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ <input type="text"/></p> | <p>5  people say
○ ○ ○ <input type="text"/></p> |
| <p>2  weve seen much more of a consensus
○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ <input type="text"/></p> | <p>6  don't worry too much about vowels
and consonants
○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ <input type="text"/></p> |
| <p>3  on the suprasegmental side
○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ <input type="text"/></p> | <p>7  but do concentrate on the rhythm
○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ <input type="text"/></p> |
| <p>4  I think more and more
○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ <input type="text"/></p> | <p>8  on the stress
○ ○ ○ <input type="text"/></p> |

Check Answers

Start Again

Answers to Exercise Chapter 19

1 I think in recent years

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2 we've seen much more of a consensus

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3 on the suprasegmental side

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4 I think more and more

● V

5 people say

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6 don't worry too much about vowels and consonants

● V

7 but do concentrate on the rhythm

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8 on the stress

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