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65 Commonly Mispronounced Words

As a business professional, one of the quickest ways to discredit your reputation as an expert in your field is to speak incorrectly – whether that’s using words incorrectly, speaking bad grammar or mispronouncing words.

To improve your speaking skills along with your reputation, check out this list of 65 commonly mispronounced words before your next business meeting, job interview or public speaking event.

A

accessory	Don't say <i>assessory</i>
across	Don't say <i>acrossed</i> or <i>acrost</i>
athlete	Don't say <i>athaleet</i>
arctic	Don't say <i>artic</i>
ask	Don't say <i>axe</i>
asterisk	Don't say <i>asterick</i>

B

business	Don't say <i>bidness</i>
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C

comfortable	Don't say <i>comfterble</i>
candidate	Don't say <i>cannidate</i>
clothes	Don't say <i>close</i>

D

dilate	Don't say <i>dialate</i>
drown	Don't say <i>drownd</i>
disastrous	Don't say <i>dizasteres</i>

E

escape
espresso
et cetera
especialy

Don't say *excape*
Don't say *expresso*
Don't say *excetera*
Don't say *expecially*

F

February
figure
federal

Don't say *Febyairy*
Don't say *figer*
Don't say *fedral*

H

heinous
height
hierarchy
hyperbole

Don't say *haynious*
Don't say *heighth*
Don't say *hiarchy*
Don't say *hyperbowl*

I

interpret
irreverent

Don't say *interpretate*
Don't say *uhreverent*

J

jewelry

Don't say *jewlery*

L

liable
library
libel

Don't say *libel*
Don't say *liberry*
Don't say *liable*

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M

mayonnaise	Don't say <i>mannaise</i>
meteorology	Don't say <i>metorology</i>
miniature	Don't say <i>miniture</i>
moot	Don't say <i>mute</i>
mischievous	Don't say <i>mischevious</i>
mispronunciation	Don't say <i>mispronounciation</i>

N

niche	Don't say <i>nitch</i> . Do say <i>neech</i> .
nuclear	Don't say <i>nucular</i>

O

often	Don't say <i>offten</i> . Do say <i>offen</i> .
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P

percolate	Don't say <i>perculate</i>
perspire	Don't say <i>prespire</i>
picture	Don't say <i>pitcher</i>
prerogative	Don't say <i>perogative</i>
prescription	Don't say <i>perscription</i>
probably	Don't say <i>proolly</i> or <i>probly</i>
pronunciation	Don't say <i>pronounciation</i>

R

realtor	Don't say <i>realator</i>
regardless	Don't say <i>irregardless</i>
relevant	Don't say <i>revelant</i>

S

sherbet
silicon
sneaked
suite
supposedly
supremacist

Don't say *sherbert*
Don't say *silicone*
Don't say *snuck*
Don't say *suit*
Don't say *supposably*
Don't say *supremist*

T

tack
tenet
ticklish
toward
triathlon

Don't say *tact*
Don't say *tenant*
Don't say *tickilish*
Don't say *torward*
Don't say *triathalon*

U

utmost

Don't say *upmost*

V

verbiage

Don't say *verbage*

W

wheelbarrow

Don't say *wheelbarrel*

Y

yolk

Don't say *yoke*

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Z

zoology

Don't say *zooahlogy*. Do say *zoahlogy*.

**Now that you've learned about perfecting the spoken word,
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