

SAY IT RIGHT!

There are a number of words in the English language that differ slightly in spelling but are pronounced nearly the same. Be sure to enunciate these words very clearly.

exercise/exorcise
statue/statute/stature
envelop/envelope
prescribe/proscribe
eminent/immanent
persecute/prosecute
council/counsel
Abram/Abraham
countenance/continuance
prophecy/prophesy
(prophesying, prophesied)
Simon/Simeon

Philippians/Philippines
thorough/through/though/thought
accept/except
precede/proceed
libation/liberation
posterity/prosperity
mediate/meditate
mortality/morality
immortality/immorality
breath/breathe
enmity/enemy

prostrate/prostate
lyre/liar
lose/loose
mist/midst
cloth/clothe
descent/decent
cavalry/Calvary
heir/hair
pastor/pasture
effect/affect
bow/bough
consecrate/concentrate

There are other words that have different meanings but are spelled the same way. The context of the word will tell you how to pronounce it.

bow/bow
record/record
row/row
lead/lead
conduct/conduct

use/use
wind/wind
refuse/refuse
present/present
sow/sow
close/close

tear/tear
wound/wound
live/live
progress/progress
object/object
convict/convict

And here are some words that are often mispronounced:

requite
recompense
profanation
scourge
praetorium
Deuteronomy
precepts

perseverance
pustule
Sanhedrin
buffets (and spitting)
coheirs
ascertained
Chaldeans

Cyrus
heifer
wrought
refulgence (*radiance, reflection*)
expiation