

Focused Pronunciation Practice for Presentations

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APPENDIX A: Focused Pronunciation Practice Presentation Assignment

In this class, you will do three different presentations. The third presentation will be your final presentation.

Presentation 1

For this presentation, you will put together a list of at least 10 words (though you are encouraged to do more). All of these words must be related to a narrowed topic you choose from one of the broad topics listed below. For each word, you must do a transcription using the system we learned in class. Transcriptions must be of how the word is pronounced in the United States. *[Change this if teaching other varieties or World Englishes.]*

After preparing the 10+ words and their transcriptions, practice saying each word both individually and as you practice your presentation.

You may choose one of the following broad topics:

- Houses, apartments, and condominiums
- Food
- Animals
- Clothing

After you choose a broad topic, narrow the topic down. For example, if you choose “houses, apartments, and condominiums,” narrow the topic to something more specific, such as “things that you would find in the kitchen” or “the parts of a bathroom and other bathroom objects.” Do not create a random list of words that have no other relation than being part of the broad topic.

You will be required to turn in a copy of your prepared list of words and their transcriptions before your presentation. You will be assessed on both your transcription skills (preparation) and your pronunciation of these words during the presentation (production).

Presentation 2

For Presentation 2, follow the same requirements as in Presentation 1 but with a minimum of 15 words. You may not use the same broad topic.

Final Presentation

Now, prepare a presentation on your own field of study, your field of work, or something very personal to you. For this presentation, prepare at least 20 words.

APPENDIX B: *Sample Focused Pronunciation Practice Preparation*

List of 10 Focus Words with Transcriptions

Broad Topic: Clothing

Narrow Topic: Men's Formal Dress

Suit /súwts/¹

Pants /pænts/

Jacket /dʒækət/

Vest /vést/

Neck Tie /nék tay/

Bow Tie /bów tay/

Cufflinks /káfllinks/

Pocket Square /pákət skwéyr/

Dress shoes /drés ʃúwz/

Tuxedo /təksíydow/

¹ Note that modified IPA has been used here.