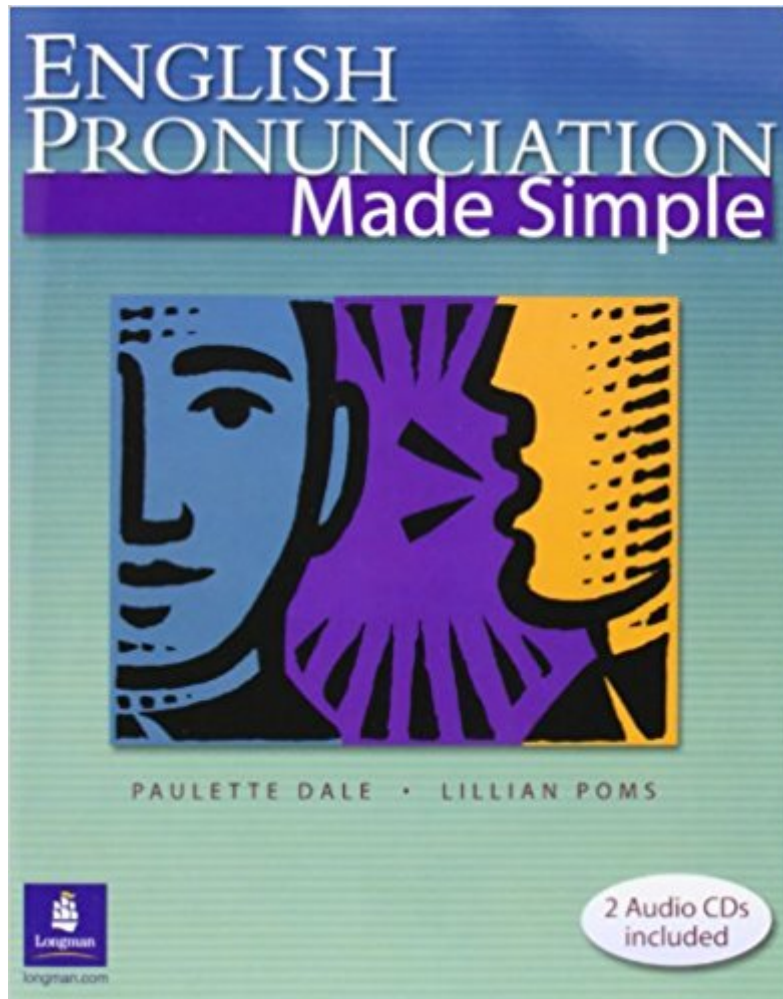


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# English Pronunciation Made Simple (with 2 Audio CDs) (2nd Edition)



## Synopsis

With a friendly writing style and abundant illustrations, *Pronunciation Made Simple* (formerly *English Pronunciation for International Students*) helps students understand and achieve the pronunciation patterns of native English speakers. Appropriate for both classroom use and self-study, this confidence-building text motivates students to practice their skills outside the classroom.

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## Customer Reviews

A word of caution. The ad states, "Free audio CD includes all the exercises in the Student Book, providing a model of correct pronunciation for each sound." The audio CD's that are included do not cover all of the exercises in this book. These CD's only cover the "check yourself" section at the end of the book. You have to order a separate book and Audio Program to get all of the exercises.

This book does fulfill its title, promising to make English pronunciation simple! There are 3 parts: 1) vowels, 2) stress, rhythm, and intonation, and 3) consonants. The second section on "stress, rhythm, and intonation" is shorter compared to some other books, but I think it's very concise. Each section follows a consistent, logical format, including presenting individual words, then phrases, and then complete sentences. I only disagreed with a few parts of the book, about 5% perhaps. There were a few words included that don't match the traditional pronunciation that I have always known. Subtleties for softening the 't' sound on unaccented syllables isn't included. Plus, the section on intonation tries to project an intonation style that doesn't always seem natural to me. However, the

example dialogs, prose selections and variety of poems serve a teacher and student well for a variety of examples. The book comes with 2 CD's for individual self-study. These 2 CD's cover parts of the book, but not every single exercise exhaustively. The other exercises are covered on 4 other CD's available separately. I teach ESL, American English pronunciation, and accent reduction in the Dallas, TX area. My website is [...] To sum it up, I think this book presents a logical, fresh and varied resource for teaching, modeling, and helping students improve their pronunciation.

Great book. However, it is true that it only contains 2 cds for the check yourself exercises. It is actually missing other 4 cds that are really expensive (\$84!) for the rest of the exercises. It is a shame.

I was pleasantly surprised to find out that this course is quite comprehensive actually - there are sections on vowels, stress and rhythm, consonants...I highly recommend it if you study on your own - you got everything you need here. Especially useful if you're confused with minimal pairs - sheep or ship, bad or bed and stuff like that. You'll get lots of practice and tips with these.

Excellent book and software. A must have for students who wants to master the pronunciation of American English. The CDs are super; the author took out her time to make such a wonderful Audio CDs. I commend her for a job well done. I suggest she should also make the remaining 2-CDs available at so that students who are interested will have the opportunity to purchase the CDs as well.

this book is great for students who want to study alone or need practice exercises in addition to classroom instruction. Word, sentence, and paragraph practice, along with CD's with good exercises.

This is a very good book, specially for people that English is their second language. The book comes with two cd's with the check up exercises. However, we need to buy separately the audio for the exercises in the book.

I volunteer as an English tutor and find this book invaluable for accent reduction exercises. I tend to use the diagnostic exercises (for vowels, consonants, consonants clusters, sentence stress) in the back of the book to identify the most important problem areas and then choose the corresponding

chapters for drill work. Example diagnostic sentences for the letter p: Pick up a pack of ripe apples. Mom will bake apple pie for supper. Example drill work for the letters b and p: robe/rope, mob/mop, tab/tap, rib/rip, stable/staple, symbol/simple (one exercise out of 7 pages for b and p). Additionally, during 'read aloud' sessions, I note mispronounced words, then after the reading, I go over the words with the student, and when there is a thematic problem (such as trouble with the letter p) I find the corresponding exercises and do some drill work with the student. Final comments: Each chapter has sufficient material for the drill work to be effective (as compared to some books that provide a few examples/exercises to illustrate the sound, but not enough to 'master' the sound). Also, I agree with the previous comment that the book is not really suitable for self-study (although the hints for common spellings for each sound are valuable and suitable for self-study).

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