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Hello my friends! This time I'd like to talk about such an important thing like pronunciation. As you well know we can't express our thoughts clearly if we make big phonetic mistakes.

Good and understandable pronunciation is one of the basics of learning English. And from the very beginning you should pay much attention to this part of your studying. Sometimes people don't have big problems with it. But for some of us it might be really difficult to start speaking without big phonetic mistakes. Especially if you learn English on your own and never learned it before.

I'm not talking about an accent here! Please don't confuse bad pronunciation with the speaking with an accent. It's different. You may have accent, but at the same time people can understand you without any problems. Why? Because you don't make big phonetic mistakes! That's the whole point my friends. To have good pronunciation means to get rid of this sort of mistakes. If you're not a native speaker or if you haven't spent the most part of your life in an English speaking country, you'll have an accent anyways. But it doesn't mean that you can't have good pronunciation.

So how can you improve your pronunciation? I already told you before that English tongue twisters are very good for it. But today I'm going to tell you about one more pretty good way. About good online service to be exact!

This service comes from the website of the University of Iowa. So go to www.uiowa.edu to find out more about the University. It has a pretty good online project which is called «Sounds of Speech» and can help you to improve your pronunciation. A good thing is that it's free! There you'll find all the English sounds and will learn to pronounce them correctly. For each sound there is an illustration of what articulators (mouth's parts) you should use to pronounce some English sound. Also it lets you listen to each sound and see like a native speaker pronounces it on the video! It's very powerful!

Unfortunately, the website is completely in English. But I'll show you how to use it in the Russian part of this article! So check this out!