

Press Release



100 Words Almost Everyone Mispronounces
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About the Book

How should you pronounce shifty words of French origin, like *cadre*, *forte*, and *debacle*? And what about those daunting words from Greek, like *chimera*, *machination*, and *gyro*? Is it so wrong to pronounce *nuclear* as if it rhymes with *molecular*?

How you pronounce words can make a big difference—and often for the worse. Most people have painful memories of having their pronunciation corrected at a business meeting or social event, when an effort to make a good impression has backfired. The newest title in the best-selling series, *100 Words Almost Everyone Mispronounces*, presents 100 words that people are most likely to mispronounce, or have more than one way of being pronounced, and answers the question, Which way is the right way?

Here is a complete list of the words in *100 Words Almost Everyone Mispronounces*:

acumen
affluent
antipodes
babel
boatswain

aegis
almond
asphalt
banal
cache

cacophony
Celtic
chiaroscuro
chimera
claddagh
coitus
conch
coup de grâce
cumin
debacle
desultory
Diaspora
dour
epitome
err
flaccid
forte
genre
gyro
harass
hovel
jejune
kudos
loath
machination
marquis
mischievous
mores
niche
oblique
often
pastoral
piña colada
portentous
primer
puerile
quietus
respite
salve
sherbet
stigmata
timbre
Uranus
viscount
Xhosa

cadre
chaise longue
chicanery
chutzpah
coccyx
comptroller
concupiscence
covert
daiquiri
desuetude
detritus
divisive
elegiac
epoch
feng shui
forbade
geisha
gnocchi
Halley's comet
hegemony
impious
kiln
lingerie
long-lived
maraschino
metastasize
moot
Neanderthal
nuclear
oeuvre
pace
patina
plethora
potash
processes
quay
reprise
ribald
schism
sloth
strophe
triathlon
victual
wont
ye