

Here is a list of words which French native speakers often find it difficult to pronounce. Using the table of IPA phonetic symbols, practice transcribing and pronouncing them. The following transcriptions are based on the British English pronunciation. If you need to, check the sound of each word on <http://www.wordreference.com/>. Pay particular attention to the **word stress**, indicated by a vertical bar, ' , before the stressed syllable. If it helps, underline the stressed syllable.

word	/'wɜ:d/	nature	/'neɪtʃə/
world	/'wɜ:ld/	consumer	/kən'sju:mə/
economy	/ɪ'kɒnəmi/	society	/sə'saɪəti/
economic	/,i:kə'nɒmɪk/ <sup>1</sup>	argue	/'ɑ:gju:/
success	/sək'ses/	government	/'gʌvənmənt/
failure	/'feɪljə/	Parliament	/'pɑ:ləmənt/
country	/'kʌntri/	certain	/'sɜ:tən/
region	/'ri:dʒən/	extent	/ɪk'stent/
measure	/'meɪʒə/	interesting	/'ɪntrɪstɪŋ/
women	/'wɪmɪn/	important	/ɪm'pɔ:tənt/
aren't	/ɑ:nt/	variety	/və'reɪəti/
abroad	/ə'brɔ:d/	various	/'veəriəs/
foreign	/'fɔ:ɪn/	change	/'tʃeɪndʒ/
determine	/dɪ'tɜ:mɪn/	alter	/'ɔ:ltə/
influence	/'ɪnflʊəns/	alternative	/ɔ:l'tɜ:nətɪv/
major	/'meɪdʒə/	previous	/'pri:vɪəs/
crisis	/'kraɪsɪs/	live (v.)	/lɪv/
put	/'pʊt/	leave	/li:v/
event	/'ɪvent/	now	/naʊ/
college	/'kɒlɪdʒ/	know	/nəʊ/

1 The vertical bar below the word, “,”, indicates secondary stress