

The importance of the study of articulatory phonetics to improve English pronunciation

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It is very important to have a second language in your curriculum in order to have more success in your career and English, according to 2021's studies, is the most spoken language in the world. However, studying a new language is not easy and pronunciation is one of the main difficulties faced by students because it interferes in communication. Having such situation in mind, I consider that the study of articulatory phonetics can be a good way to improve pronunciation so that one can experience better communication.

Having knowledge of other languages is good to have contact with a lot of information around the world. Therefore, it is very important to study the most spoken language worldwide. According to Crystal (2003¹ apud YUMISACA, 2018), English is the most important language around the world because it is used in business, tourism, technology, and science among other fields.

¹ CRYSTAL, David. **English as a global language**. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2003.

However, there are some problems that a lot of students face when studying a new language that get them confused when communicating. Efficient communication is the main goal of students that study a new language and one of the main problems is found in pronunciation – according to Cassimiro (2011), having constant problems with pronunciation is something that might affect very much our ability to communicate efficiently.

Concerning such difficulty, the study of articulatory phonetics could help students to have better pronunciation in order to avoid making mistakes that can affect communication. Such study mainly shows how the words are pronounced, the movement of the mouth and other aspects of pronunciation, like intonation. Yumisaca (2018), in his work, mentions the components of Articulatory Phonetics, namely: organs of speech, sounds of speech, vowels, consonants, stress, and intonation.

In conclusion, studying a new language is very relevant to your career and since English is the most spoken language in the world, it is a good option to start studying such language. And when you find problems in pronunciation, think about the aspects of articulatory phonetics because they show how the words are pronounced in a clear way. And also, these aspects can help you to find why you are making mistakes and help you to solve them.

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