KOENIG SOLUTIONS · COURSE OUTLINE

Accent Neutralization: Stress, Rhythm & Intonation

Learn to refine pronunciation, stress, rhythm and intonation in English for clearer, more confident spoken communication.

3 Days
DURATION

18
TOPICS

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course begins with the foundations of clear speech, covering the English sound system, common mother-tongue-influence challenges and word-level stress through pronunciation drills and self-recording. It then moves into sentence-level stress, the rhythm of English, intonation patterns and connected speech, practised through reading aloud and roleplays. The final part addresses clarity in real-life application, including slowing down and articulating clearly, pausing and chunking, correcting fossilised errors, and roleplays for meetings, calls and presentations with individual feedback.

WHO THIS COURSE IS FOR

- Non-Native English Speakers
- Customer Support Executives
- Sales Professionals
- Corporate Trainers
- Call Centre Agents
- Business Communicators

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Identify common mother-tongue-influence challenges in pronunciation
- Apply the English sound system to vowels, consonants and diphthongs
- Practise word-level and sentence-level stress patterns
- Compare stress-timed and syllable-timed rhythm in English
- Interpret intonation patterns for statements, questions and emphasis
- Apply connected speech features such as linking and elision
- Apply strategies for pausing, chunking and slowing speech
- Correct fossilised mispronunciations through feedback and practice

COURSE SYLLABUS

18 Topics

DAY 1 Foundations of Clear Speech

TOPICS

- Introduction to Accent Neutralization & MTI awareness
- Basics of English sound system (vowels, consonants, diphthongs)
- Common MTI challenges
- **Pronunciation drills:** minimal pairs, tongue twisters
- **Syllable stress:** word-level stress practice
- Voice recording & playback for self-awareness

DAY 2 Stress, Rhythm & Intonation

TOPICS

- Sentence-level stress (content vs. function words)
- Rhythm of English (stress-timed vs. syllable-timed languages)
- Intonation patterns (statements, questions, emphasis)
- **Connected speech:** linking, elision, contractions
- **Group exercises:** reading aloud with stress & rhythm
- **Practice:** short dialogues & roleplays

DAY 3 Clarity & Real-Life Application

TOPICS

- Strategies to slow down and articulate clearly
- Pausing & chunking speech for impact
- Correcting fossilized errors (common mispronunciations)
- **Roleplays:** meetings, calls, presentations with feedback
- Individual pronunciation feedback & improvement plan
- Final fluency practice + assessment

WHAT IS INCLUDED

Everything You Need to Succeed

- Koenig course material for every module
- Delivery by certified instructors and subject matter experts
- Hands-on exercises throughout the course
- Course completion certificate from Koenig

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