

## Special Features

### *Glossary of terms and definitions*

Includes definitions, examples, notes and symbols. You can print this page out for future reference. Access this via the Table of Contents screen – click on the **Instructions** button at the bottom of the page then find **Glossary**.

### *Sound Symbol References*

This lists the 52 symbols and sounds used on the CD-Rom – vowel sounds, consonant sounds, cluster sounds – plus an example word for each one so you know how to pronounce them. Access this via the Table of Contents screen – click on the **Instructions** button at the bottom of the page then find **Sound Symbol References**. You can print this page out too.

**Print**

*Print* – You can print out any of the pages, including Glossary, Sound Symbol References, Lesson and Exercise pages.

**Suggestion**

*Suggestion* – Click on the suggestion button to read about a useful tip for making the sound you choose to practise or to warn you of the mistakes most commonly made with that sound.

**Description**

*Description* – On the Lesson pages, clicking on this button will provide you with the description of a sound.

*Slow motion* –



Click continuously on the **slow motion** button to see the movement frame by frame.

*Record* –



*Play* –



You can record and playback your own voice during some of the exercises, and on the Speech Analysis screen. Listen to the instructor and then use the **record** button to record yourself saying the same sound. Click on the **play** button to hear your recording and compare it with the instructor's.

*Save* –



During the Exercises, this icon will appear after you have recorded your own voice. Use this feature to save your own recordings on to a floppy disc. Later you can compare your recordings and see how you have improved. Choose the a: drive, give your recording a file name, and keep the .aif file extension. For playing back your recording, the sound quality is better if you first copy the file onto your own computer, rather than playing it directly off the disc.

*Toggle* –



You'll find this button in the **sample word** exercises. Click on it to highlight the sound in the words that you are working on. This will help you see different ways of spelling the same sound.

For further information on Self-Access Language Learning, please take a look at the Language Centre resource site for students at <http://www.hkbu.edu.hk/~sall/english/>.

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## English Language Learning Software

for Self-Access Use

### Pronunciation Power 2



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## Coverage

*Pronunciation Power 2* is a comprehensive pronunciation program covering the 52 sounds necessary to pronounce English words clearly. This program will let you hear the sounds and understand how they are made. It offers a variety of exercises that you can practise at your own pace.

First, go to *Lessons* and choose a sound you want to practice. There are video clips and diagrams showing the mouth position in action, plus other material to help you pronounce the sound correctly. You are also able to record your voice and compare both the waveform diagram and your sound with the instructor's.

Then go on to the *Exercises*. The *sample word* exercises help with basic articulation. The *comparative word* and *listening discrimination* exercises will improve your listening skills as well as your pronunciation. The *S.T.A.I.R.* (stress, timing, articulation, intonation and rhythm) exercises help with more advanced pronunciation techniques such as connected speech. The *sentence* exercises will improve your fluency and your ability to speak naturally.

This software has a number of features to help you improve your pronunciation effectively and independently. See the *Special Features* section below.

## Contents

### *Lessons*

There is one lesson for each of the 52 sounds of the English language, including:

- side view
- front view
- speech analysis
- description
- suggestions to help you produce the sound accurately.

### *Exercises*

It is better to do the exercises in order.

- Sample words
- Comparative words
- Listening discrimination
- STAIR – stress, timing, articulation, intonation and rhythm.
- Sentences

## Useful Information

<b>Level</b>	This program is aimed at intermediate to advanced students.
<b>Time required</b>	Very flexible. If you want to complete the lesson and all the exercises for one sound, it would take around 1 hour. If your time is limited, you can just work on one or two of the exercises for 10-15 minutes.
<b>Materials required</b>	You can print out any of the pages of this program, so you shouldn't need notepaper. If you want to record your own voice and see how much you've improved later, you will need a floppy disc or a CD-Rom.