PRONUNCIATION TEACHING POST-ELF

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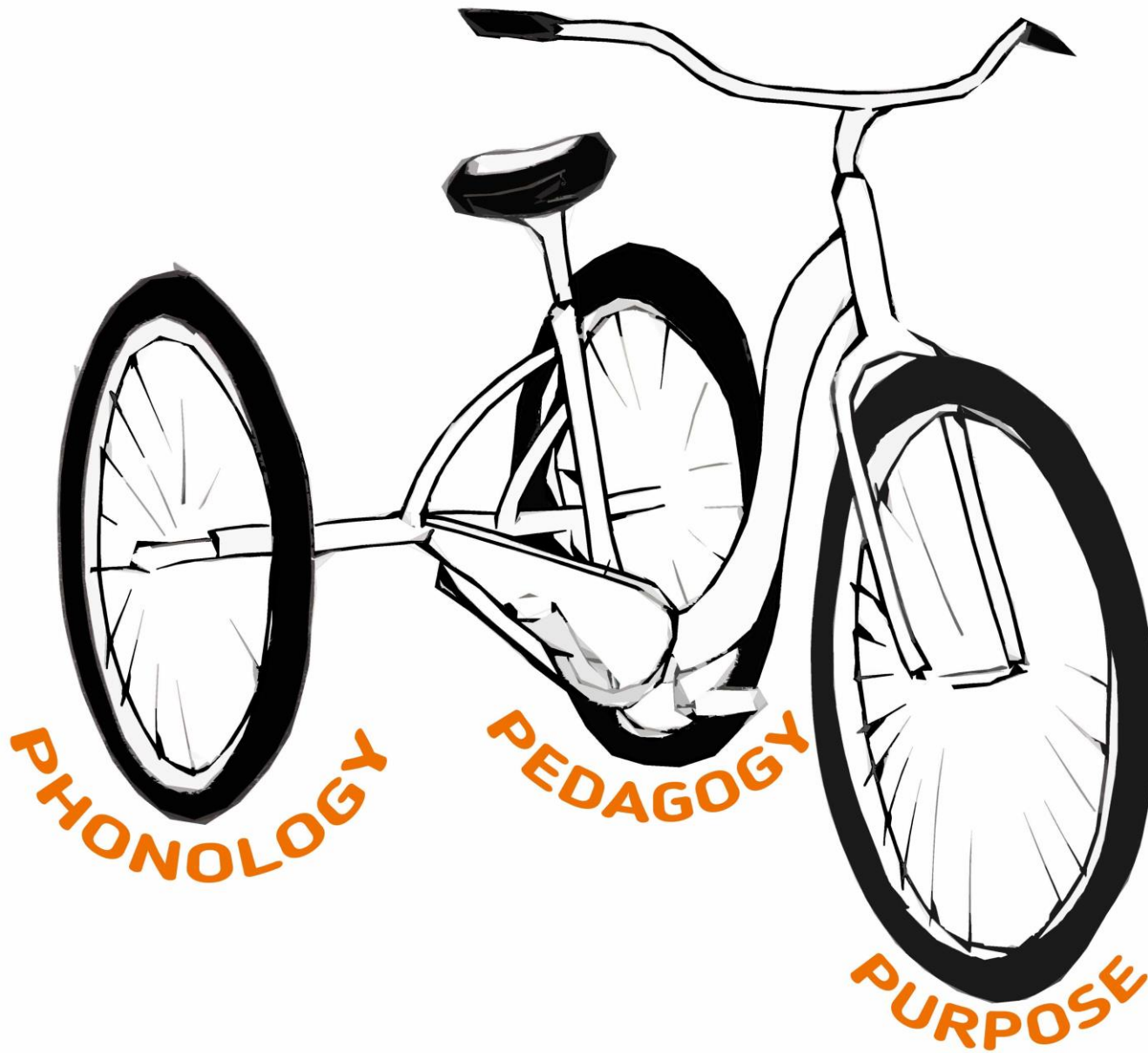
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B. Implications

C. Error

D. Coda

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PHONOLOGY

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PURPOSE

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Jenkins, J. (2000)

ACCESS, NOT ACCENT!

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It doesn't matter which computer you use ...

... if it gets you into the cloud!

It doesn't matter what accent you have ...

... if it gets you into the community!

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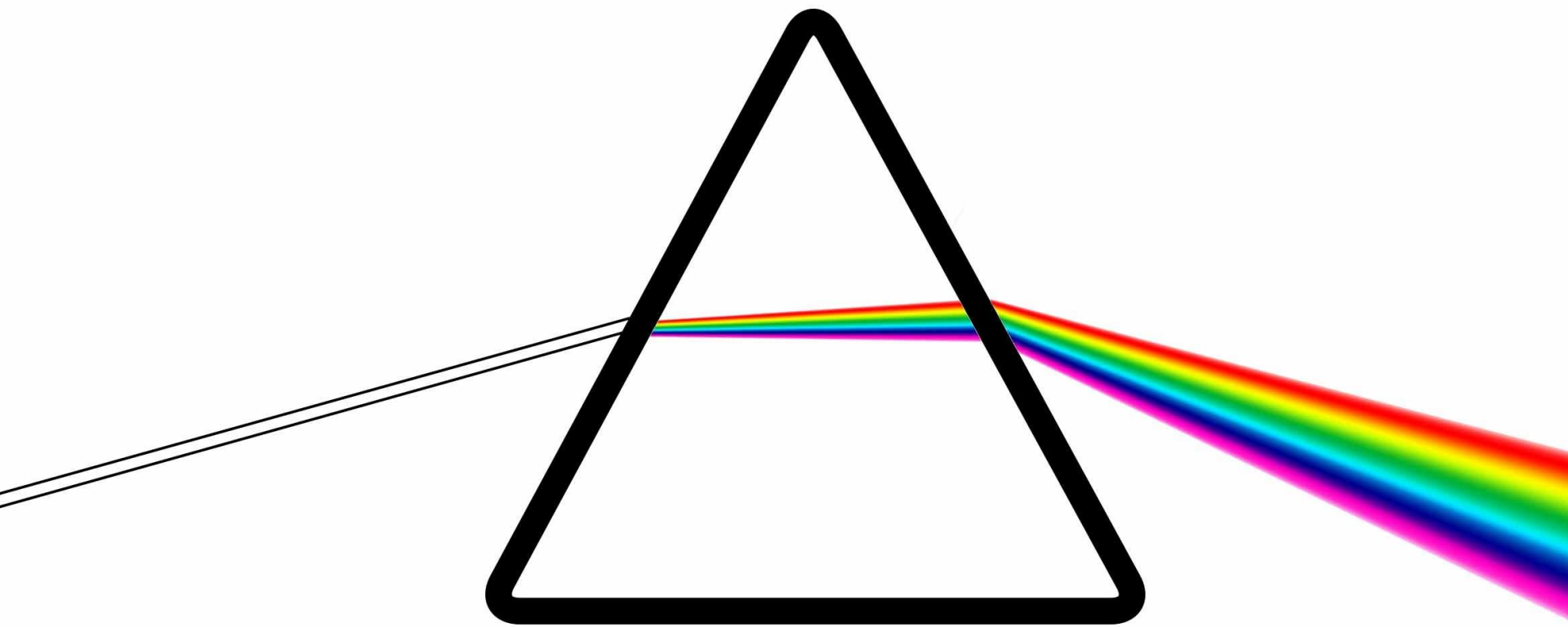STANDARD
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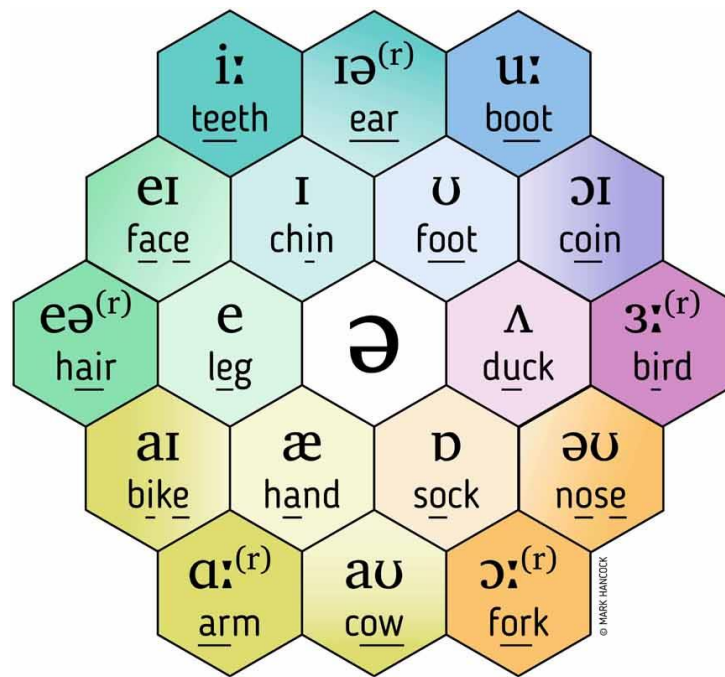UNDERSTANDING

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Vowels

iː teeth	**ɪə**(r) ear	**uː** boot
eɪ face	**ɪ** chin	**ʊ** foot	**ɔɪ** coin
eə(r) hair	**e** leg	**ə**	**ʌ** duck	**ɜː**(r) bird
aɪ bike	**æ** hand	**ɒ** sock	**əʊ** nose
ɑː(r) arm	**aʊ** cow	**ɔː**(r) fork

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Consonants

p pen	**b** bin	**m** man	**f** fish	**v** vest
t toe	**d** door	**n** note	**θ** think	**ð** there
k key	**g** girl	**ŋ** ring	**s** sun	**z** zip
l leaf	**r** rat	**h** hat	**ʃ** shoe	**ʒ** television
w watch	**j** year	**ʔ** button	**tʃ** chair	**dʒ** jam

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[r̃] [ʔ] [t̚]
[ɾ] [t]
[r] [t̚] [tʰ]

/t/

Allo!

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word	phonemic	phonetic (Accent A)	phonetic (Accent B)
bag	/bæg/	[bæg]	[beg]
beg	/beg/	[beg]	[bɪg]
big	/bɪg/	[bɪg]	[bʌg]

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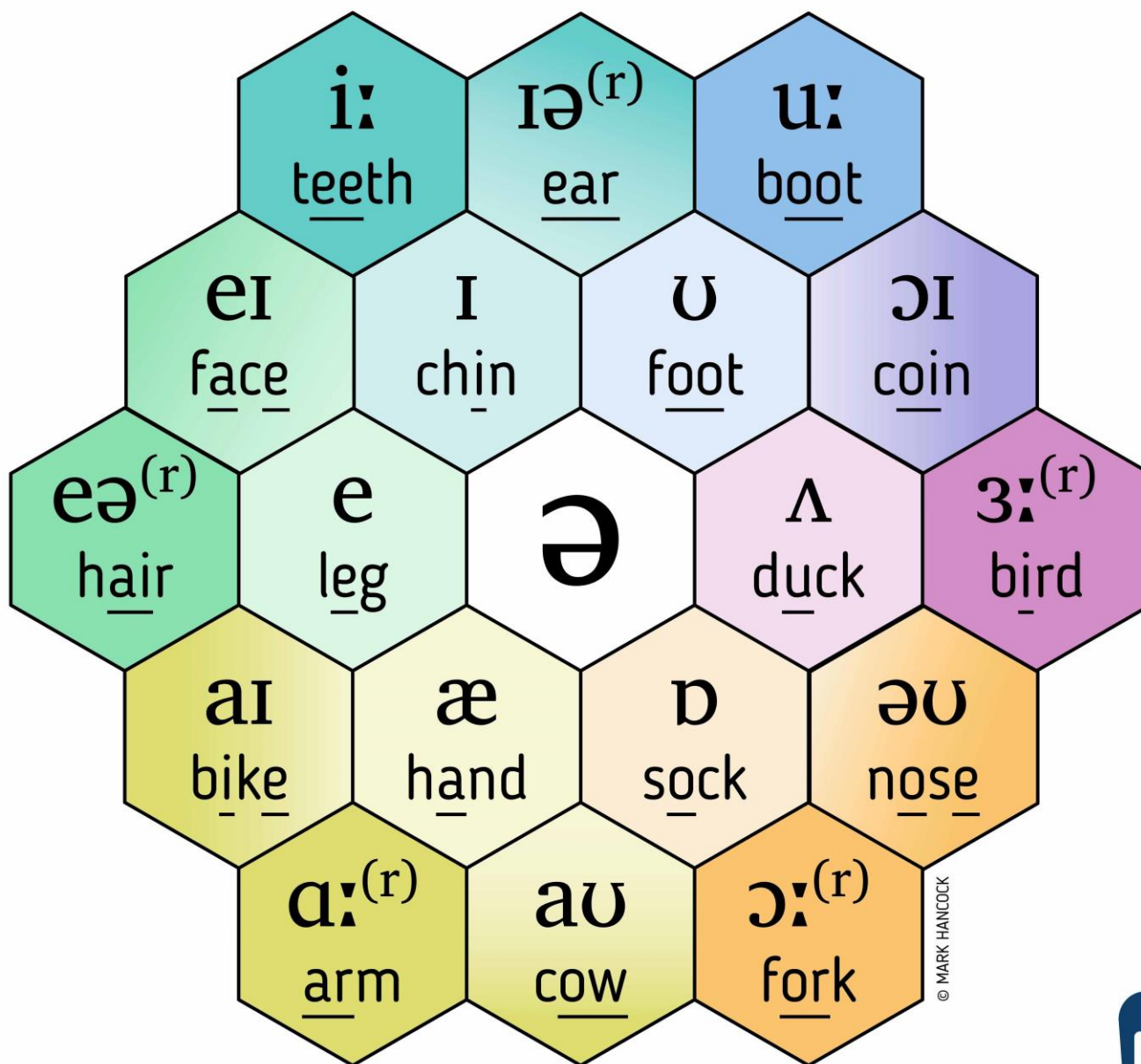
THAT GIRL

That girl there with purple hair
Doesn't care if people stare
Leather jeans and sleeveless shirt
Never wears a dress or skirt

She's not as hard as she appears
With dark tattoos and pierced ears
She likes that look, she plays that part
But that girl's got the warmest heart

Photo: Willie Linn on Facebook group MULL *(Map of the Urban Linguistic Landscape)*

CLEAR VERSUS LAZY

Example: the schwa

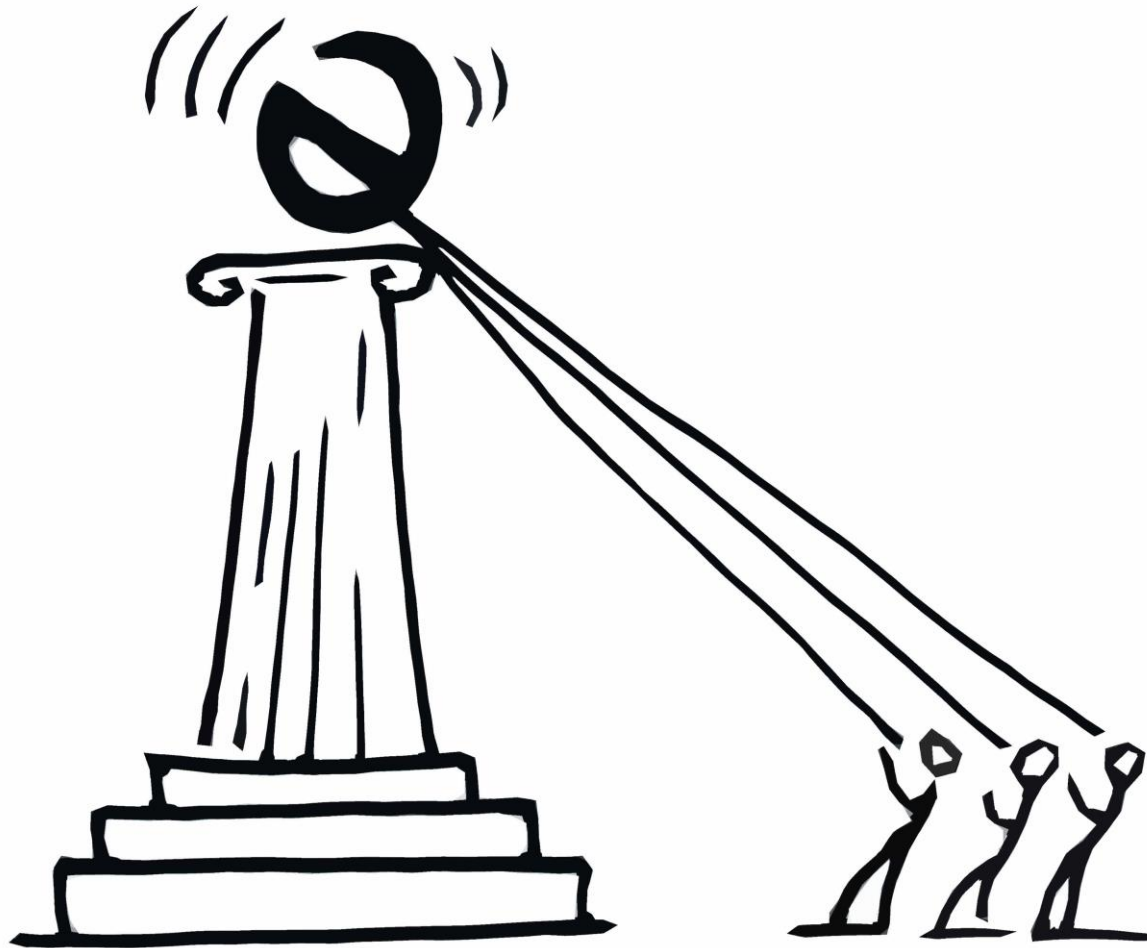## 3 PRONUNCIATION

/ə/, sentence stress

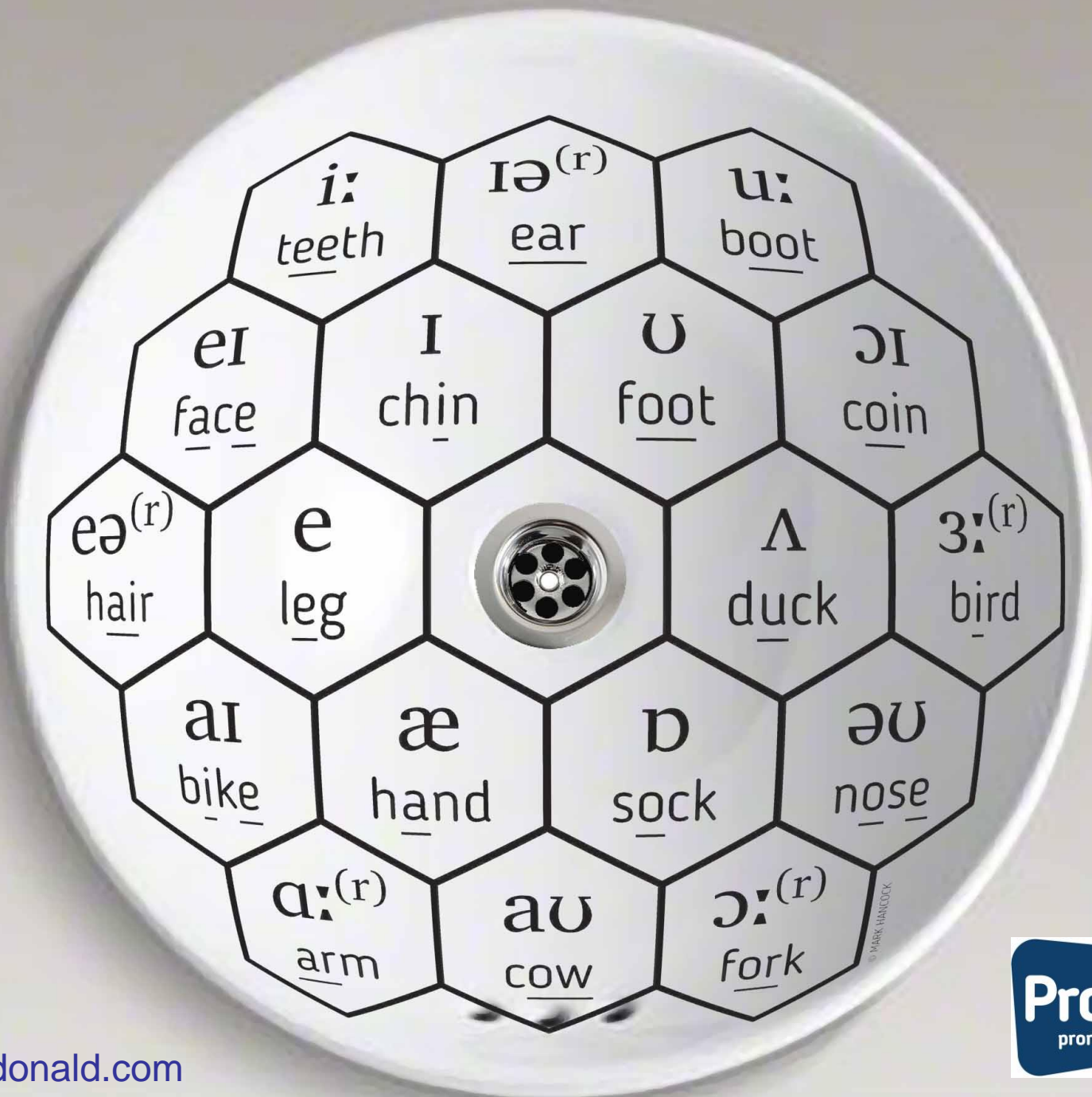a **2 20**)) Listen and repeat the sound and words.

a about anniversary cinema problem
relationship spider usually woman

b **2 21**)) Listen and repeat the sentences. Then practise saying them with the /ə/ sound.

1 What are we going to have for lunch today?
2 I'd like to see a good film tonight.
3 We need to go in the other direction.
4 Could you ask the woman over there?
5 There's a cinema and there are lots of shops.

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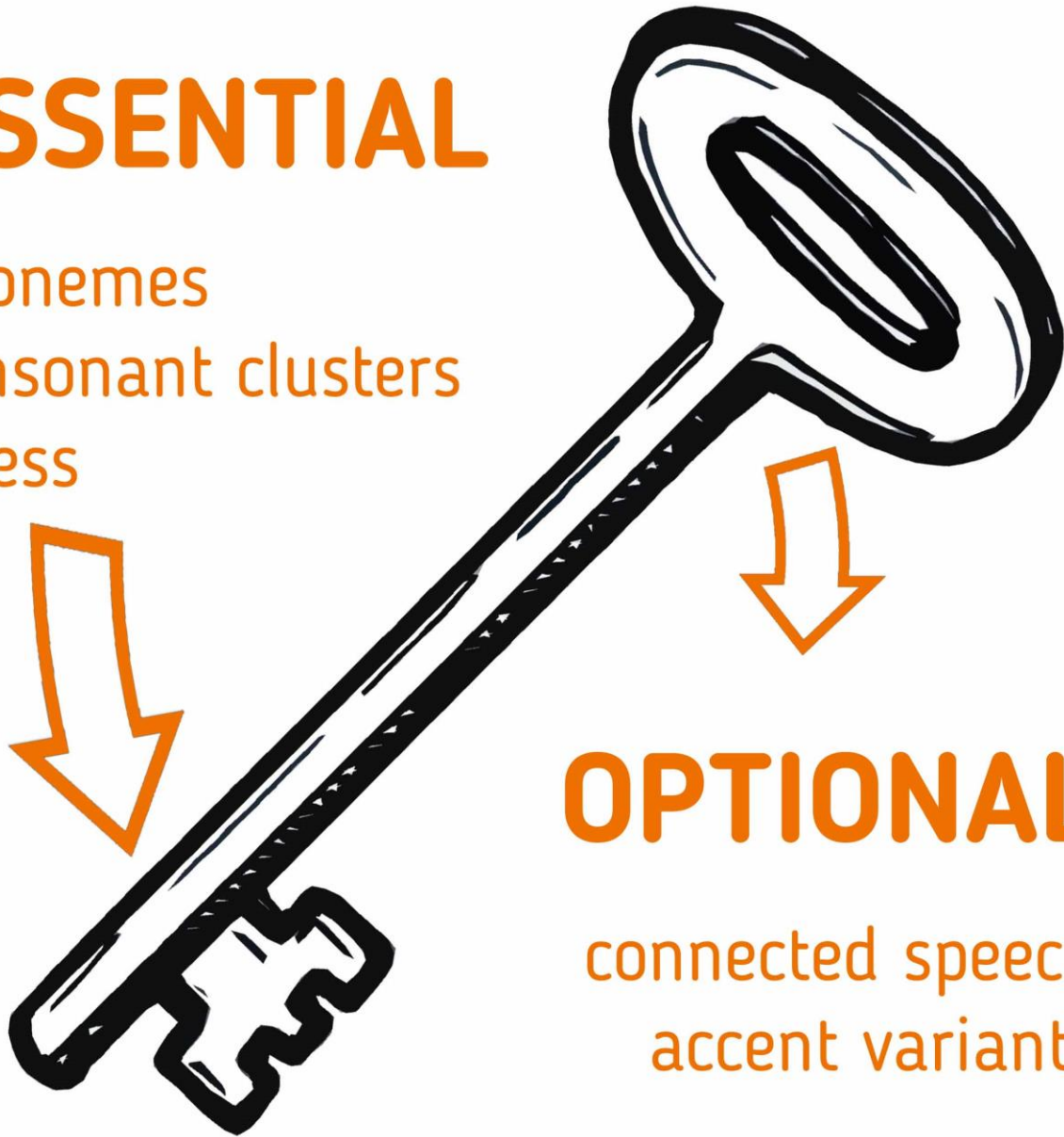© MARK HANCOCK

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ESSENTIAL

phonemes
consonant clusters
stress

OPTIONAL

connected speech
accent variants

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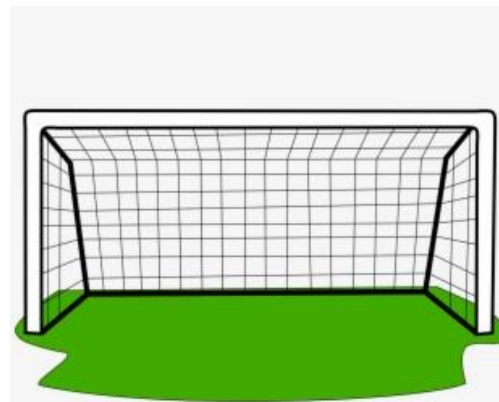
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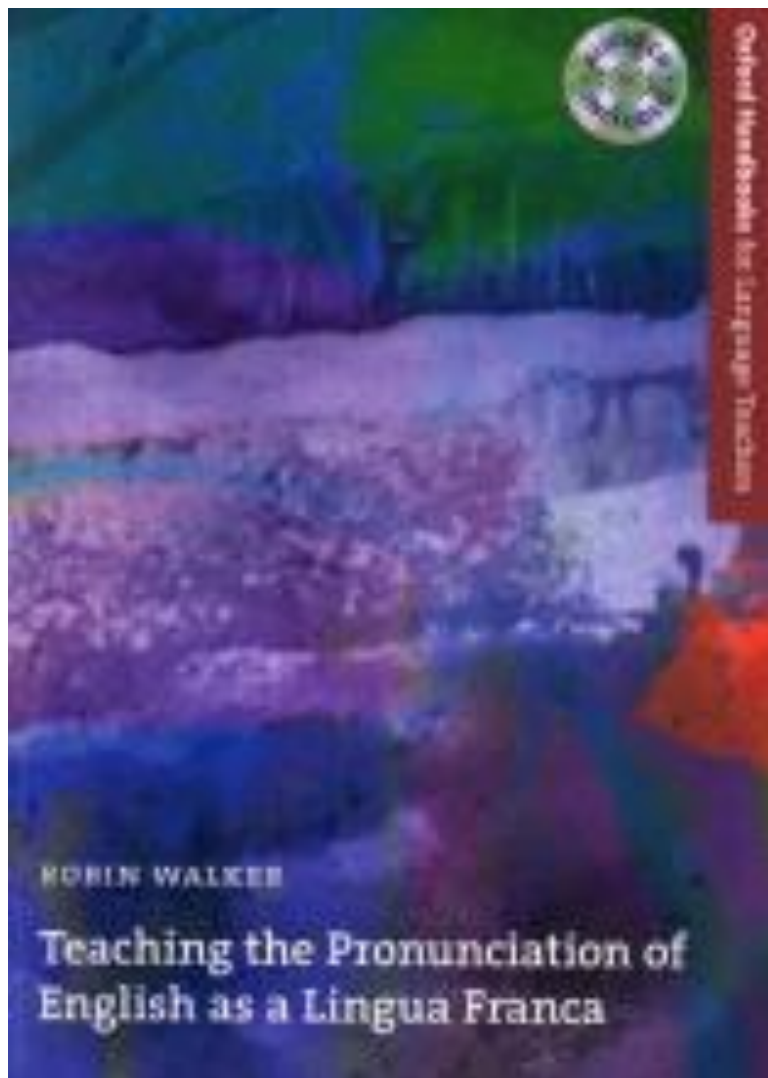
Teaching pronunciation for ELF is primarily about re-thinking your goals and re-defining error, as opposed to modifying classroom practice.

Walker, R. (2010: 71)

ROBIN WALKER

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10 Anne orange juice.	**9** Can you cookie?	**8** I've got a tooth H.	**7** I won first price!	**6** Working nine two five.
11 I'm riding a book.	**12** I lost my handback.	**13** It's called outside.	**14** Good nigh!	**15** It's free o'clock.
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Food for Thought

1. English has become a global lingua franca: we must assimilate this fact.

2. Not all pronunciation features are of equal importance for intelligibility.

3. Mutual intelligibility does not depend on accent homogeneity.

4. Productive and receptive pronunciation need not be symmetrical.

5. "Native-like" pronunciation target is neither realistic nor necessary.

6. Nobody (or everybody) is a native-speaker of ELF.

7. Some iconic features of 'native' pronunciation are optional for intelligibility, eg schwa.

8. Accent prejudice exists and we may have to take this into account.