

Top Six Pronunciation Issues for

Spanish

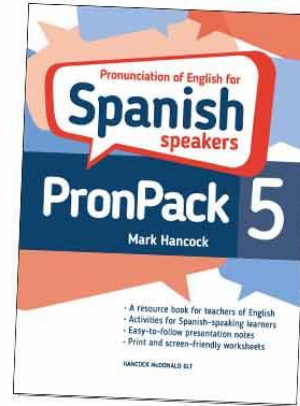
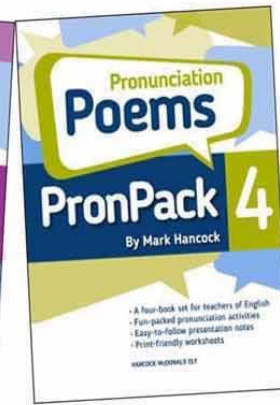
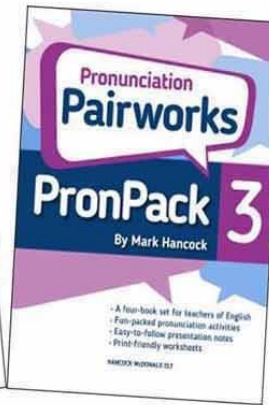
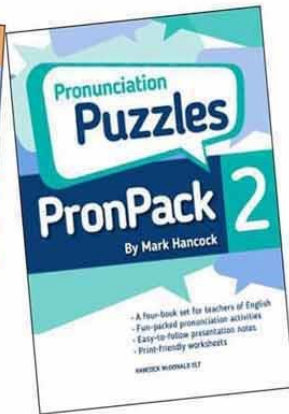
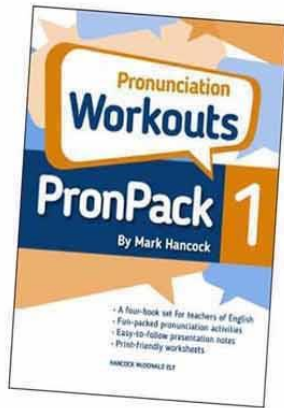
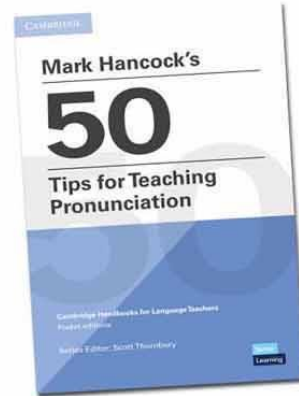
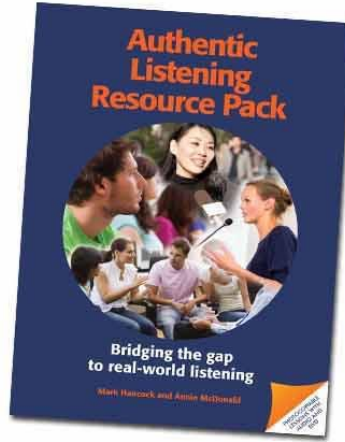
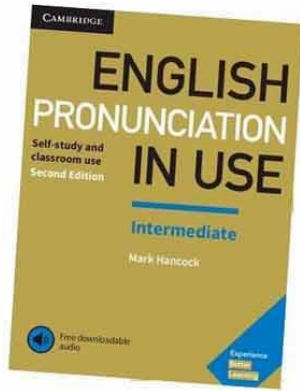
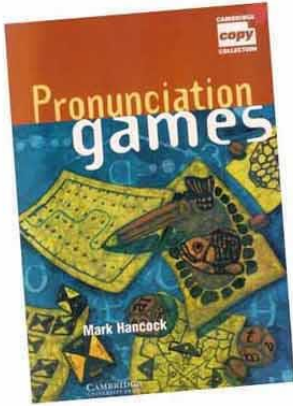
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Pronunciation of English for
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THE CLEVER PARROT

See a { a. parrot's beak }
 { b. parrot speak }

Watch a parrot play

Hear a { a. parrot's bell }
 { b. parrot spell }

Make the { a. parrot's day }
 { b. parrot stay }



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6. Initial consonant clusters
5. Semi-vowels **w** and **y**
4. R-vowels eg. **ir**, **ur**, **er**
3. Grammatical word endings **-s** and **-ed**
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1. Cutting consonants off the ends of words!

Diagnose this!

"I don't asleep during the siesta."

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6. Initial consonant

THE CLEVER PARROT

Try to pronounce b. like a. (and not like c!)

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 { b. parrot speak }
 ~~c. parrot a-speak~~

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“Good you like a cup of coffee?”

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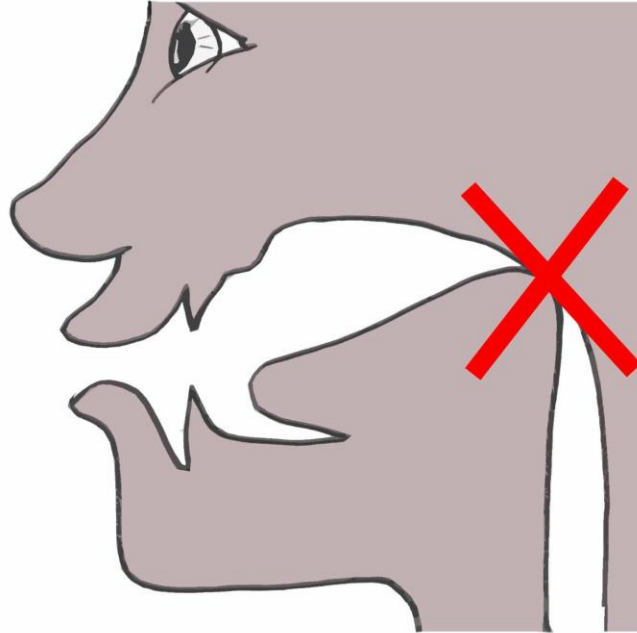
Woman and Wolf

A **w**oman **w**ith a **w**oolen **h**at
Was **w**alking in the **w**ood
Everything **w**as **w**onderful
Everything **w**as **g**ood



A **w**icked **w**olf appeared
Just **l**ike **w**e **k**new it **w**ould
Stories **a**lways **h**ave a **w**olf
Waiting in the **w**ood

5. Semi-vowel w



wood - good

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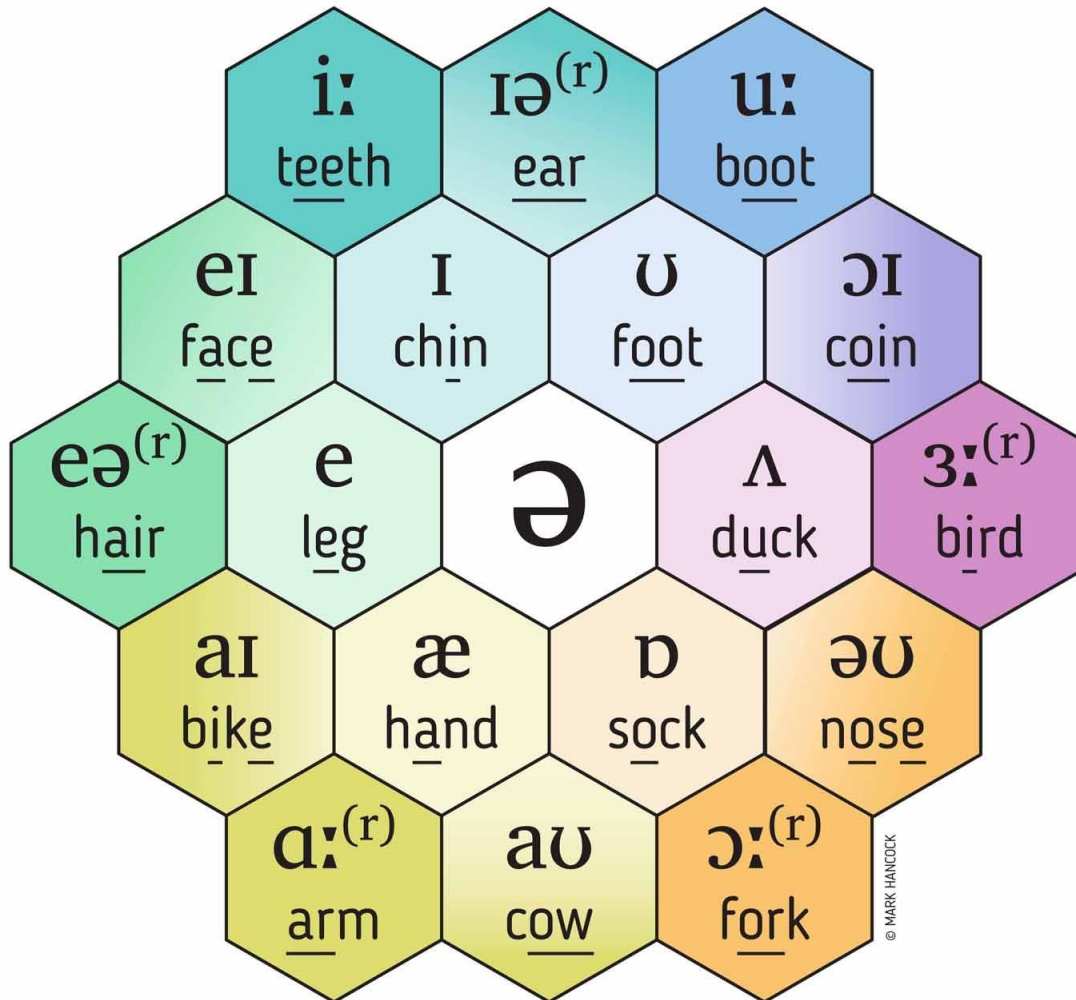
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“Have you ever seen a grizzly beer?”

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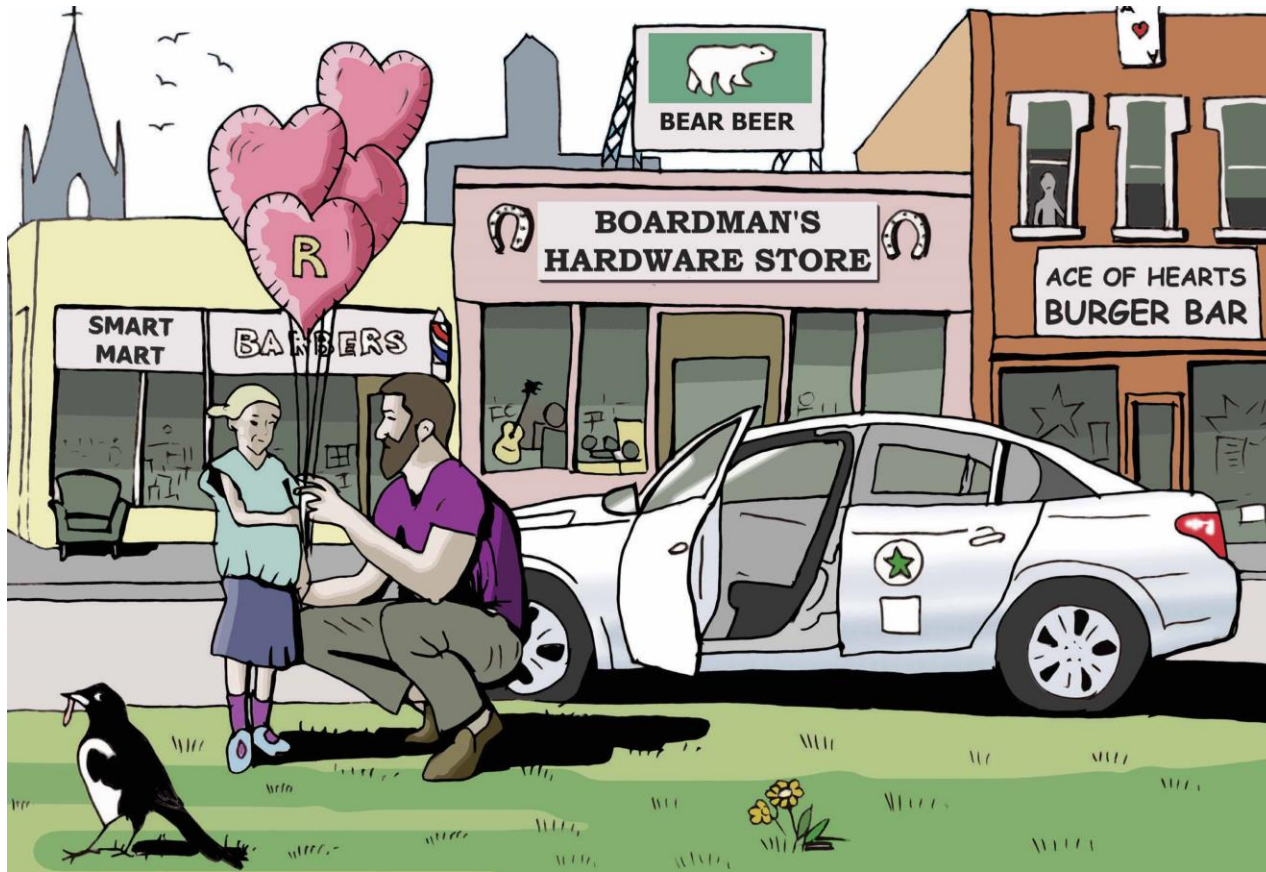
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3. R- vowels



'R' VOWELS

ɑː	ar	arm	heart <i>half</i>	<i>bath dance ask laugh</i>
eə	air	hair	care bear there	
ɪə	ear	ear	hear here fierce	
ɔː	or	fork	four door board war	<i>caught hawk bought</i>
ɜː	ir	bird	turn serve word earth journey	



bird four church heart worm purple skirt
T-shirt girl fair dark beard hair person car door
star circle square flower supermarket barber beer
horse store hardware bear burger chair guitar

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“Ana place the guitar.”

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IZ → Jess's dresses **S** ← The bee's knees **Z**

Pip's trips Bert's shirts Chris's kisses Rose's roses

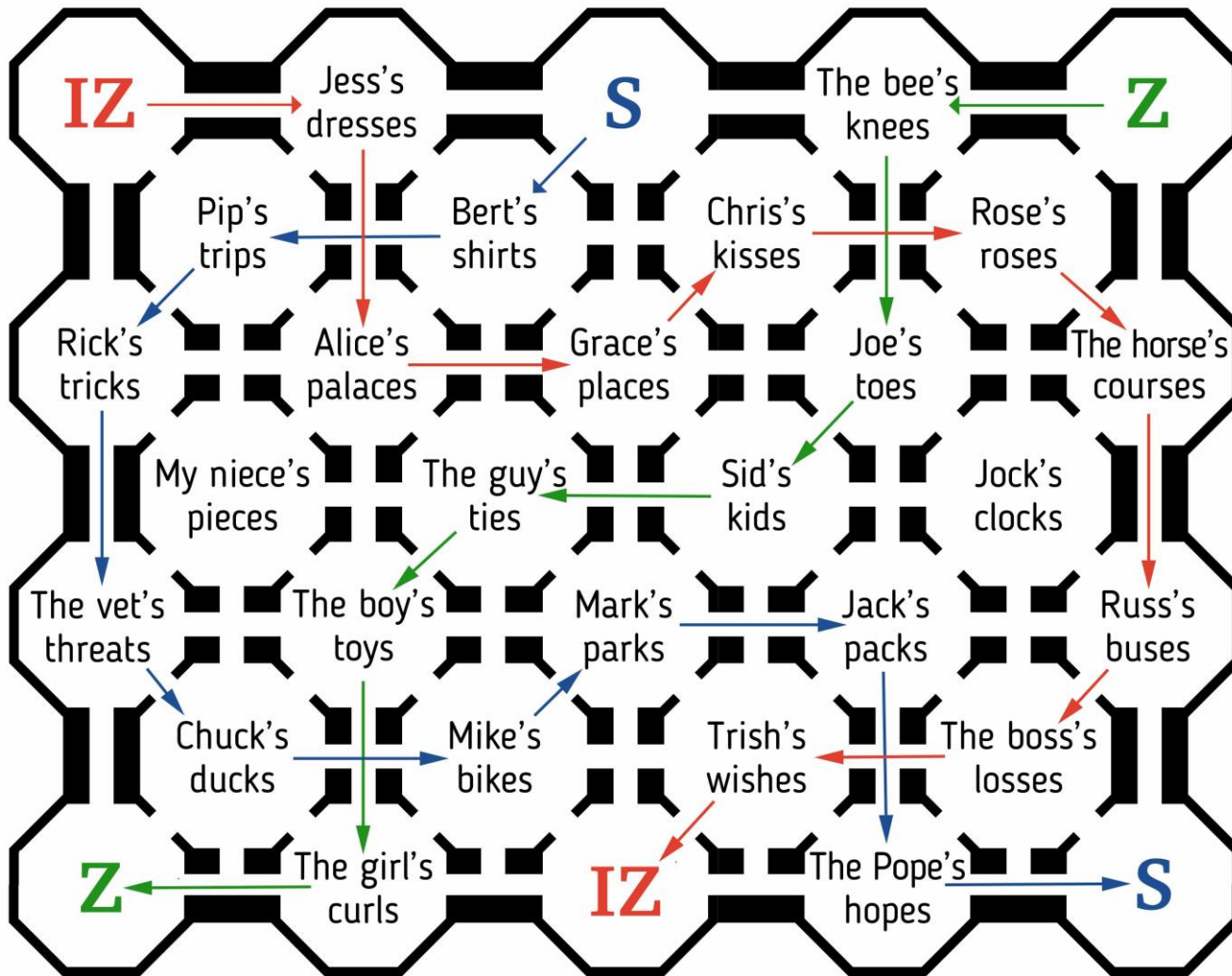
Rick's tricks Alice's palaces Grace's places Joe's toes The horse's courses

My niece's pieces The guy's ties Sid's kids Jock's clocks

The vet's threats The boy's toys Mark's parks Jack's packs Russ's buses

Chuck's ducks Mike's bikes Trish's wishes The boss's losses

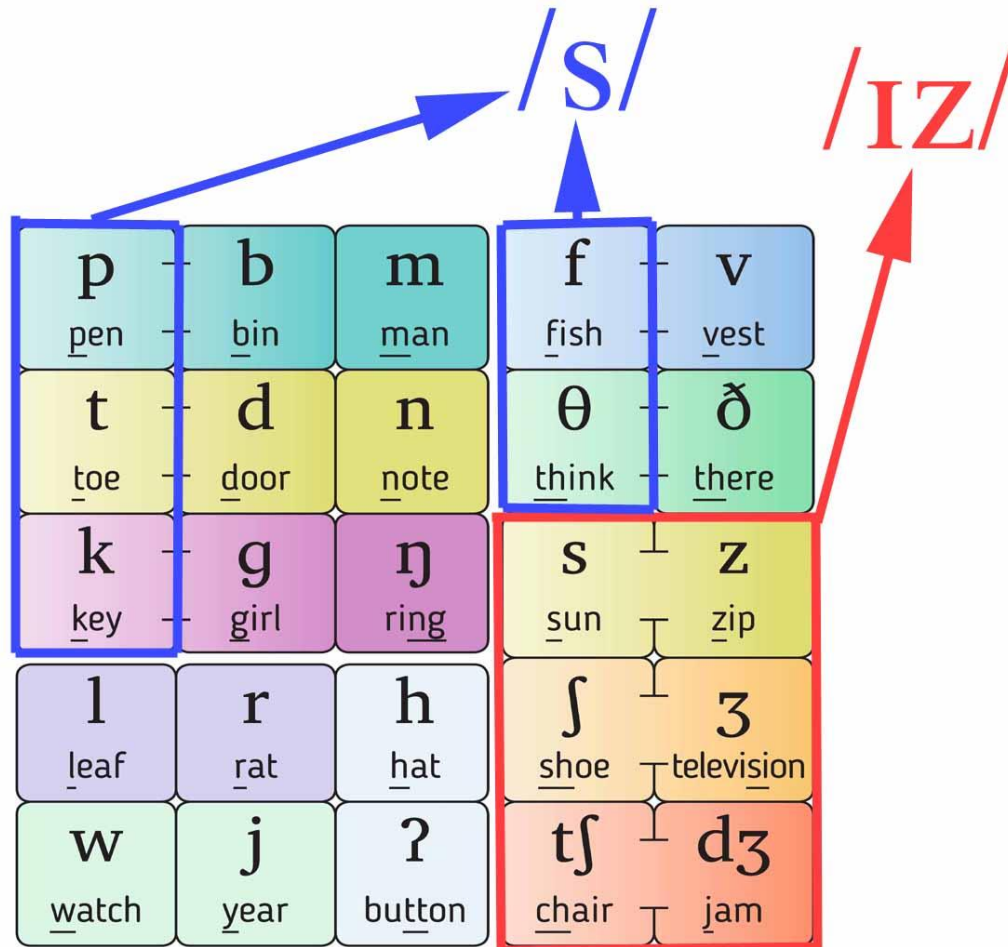
Z The girl's curls **IZ** The Pope's hopes **S**



4. Grammatical word ending

-S

-S ending = /Z/ except after ...



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“Let’s go to the puff for a drink!”

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2. Slippery stop consonants

b	bailar vaso	β	cabo lavar
d	dinero	ð	lado
g	guiso	ɣ	agua

Barry had a **berry** vest
On it was a **berry**
The **vest** was the **best**
Was it **cool**? Yes, **very**!



b



berry

best

v



very

vest



vote

berry

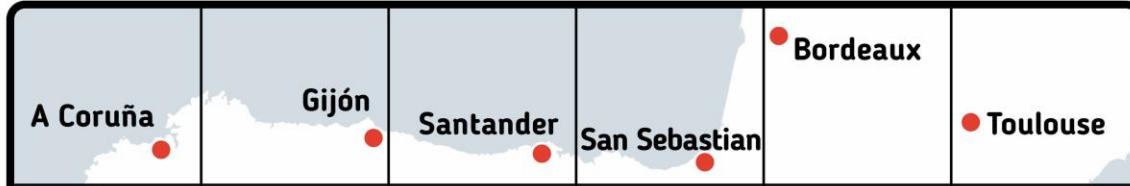
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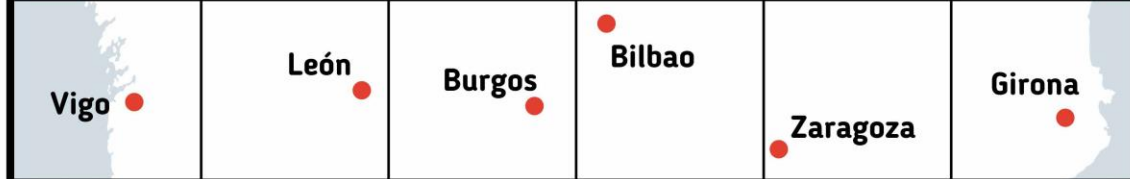
very

best

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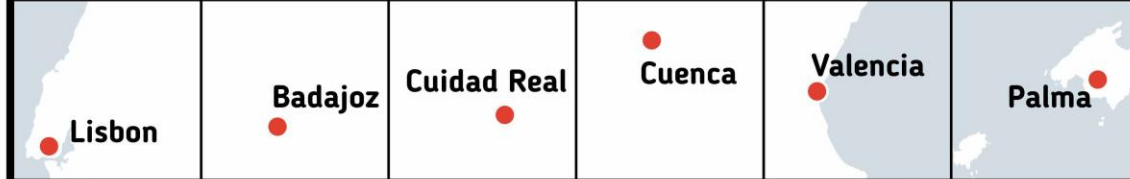
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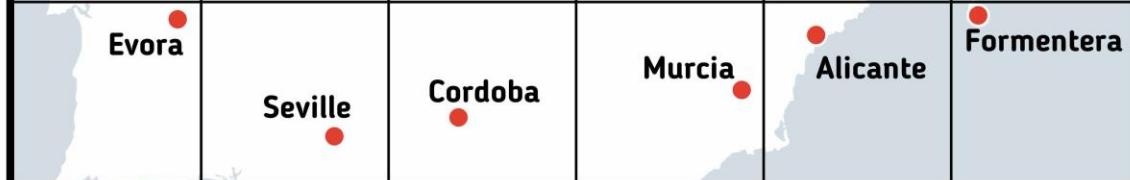
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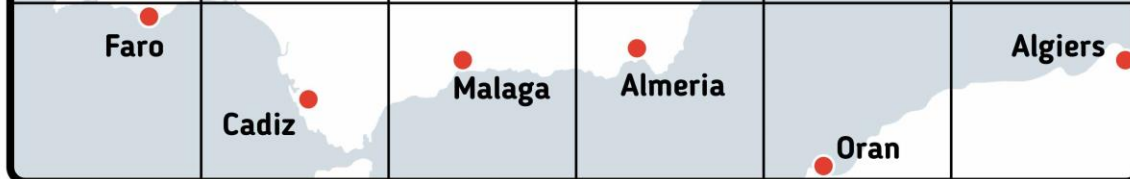
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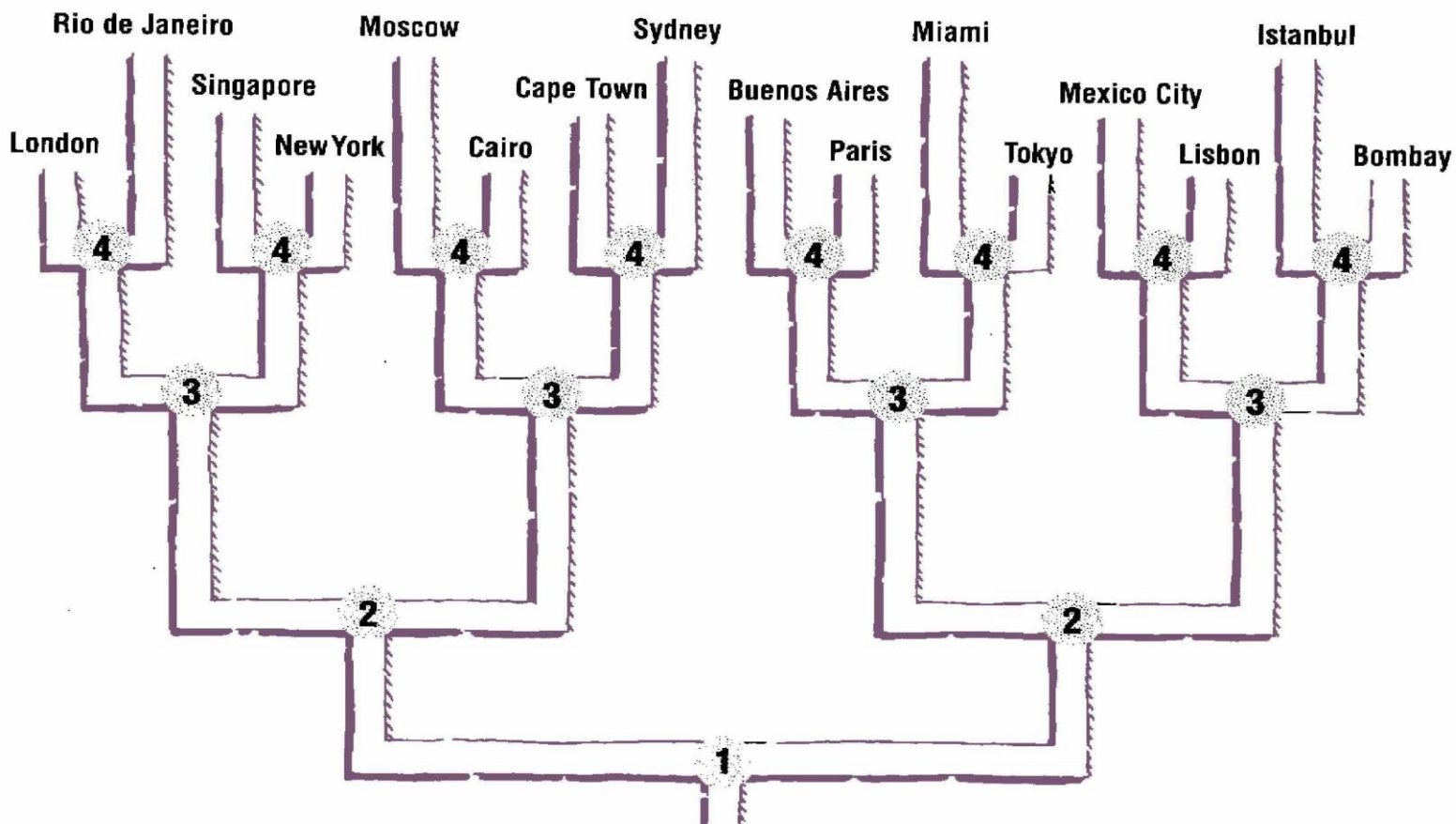
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“Close the window if you feel coal!”

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- 1** They (a. burn, b. burnt) wood.
- 2** Your (a. guess, b. guest) was correct.
- 3** The (a. bell, b. belt) was broken.
- 4** Press the (a. star, b. start) button.

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