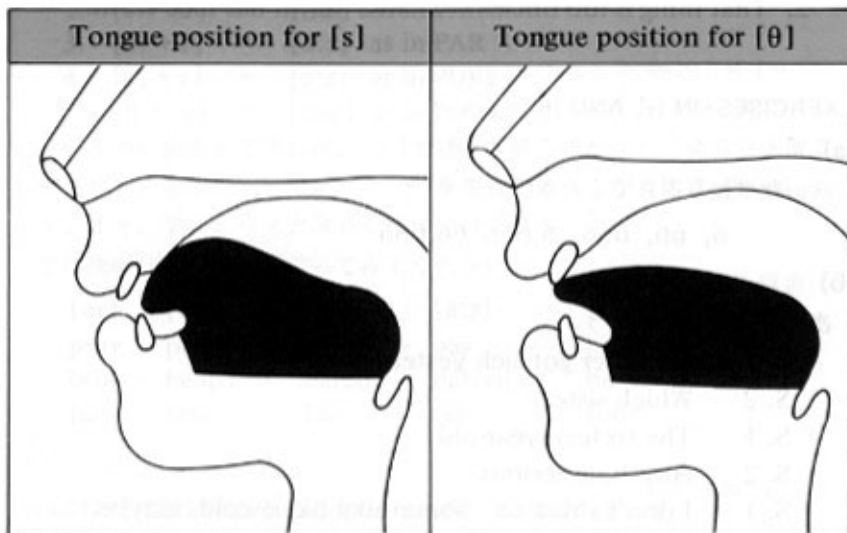


32 [θ]と[s]の比較

[θ] CONTRASTED WITH [s]



[θ]は、日本人にとって発音しにくい音の1つです。そのため、sink と think などの語は誤って発音されやすくなります。ここでは[s]と[θ]を比較しながら練習しましょう。[θ]の発音では、舌を上歯の歯先に触れさせることが大切です。

[θ]ではじまる単語を繰り返しましょう。

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|----------|------------|----------|--------------|
| 1. think | 3. thought | 5. thick | 7. thin |
| 2. thing | 4. theme | 6. thumb | 8. thank you |

[θ]と[s]を比較しながら繰り返してください。

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|-----------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. think – sink | 5. theme – seem | 9. pass – path |
| 2. sin – thin | 6. sank – thank | 10. myth – miss |
| 3. thing – sing | 7. face – faith | 11. moss – moth |
| 4. sick – thick | 8. mouth – mouse | 12. youth – use
[ju:s] |

では次のペアになった文章を繰り返してください。

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Miss Smith is sinking. | – Miss Smith is thinking. |
| 2. His face is strong. | – His faith is strong. |
| 3. It's a good pass. | – It's a good path. |
| 4. It's a bit sick. | – It's a bit thick. |
| 5. What a nice mouse! | – What a nice mouth! |

次のまぎらわしい文を練習しましょう。

1. The theme seems thin.
2. That thing is too thick.
3. The cat has a mouse in its mouth.
4. Miss Smith has nice teeth.

33 [s]と[θ]の練習 EXERCISES ON [s] AND [θ]

(a) 数

次の数を繰り返してください。

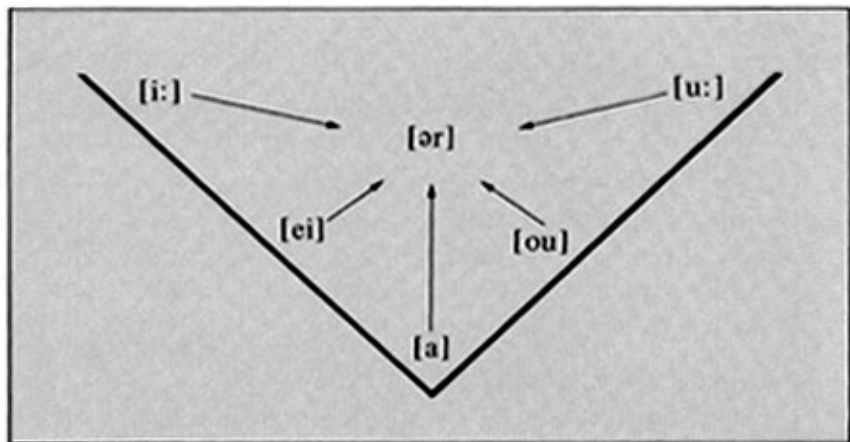
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(b) 会話

次の練習をしましょう。

- S. 1 My sister got sick yesterday.
S. 2 Which sister?
S. 1 The sixteen-year-old.
S. 2 Anything serious?
S. 1 I don't think so. Something like a cold, maybe.

34 母音の後の[r] PRONUNCIATION OF [r] AFTER VOWELS



[ɔr]の発音は先に練習しましたが、母音の後にくる[r]の発音は[ɔr]と密接な関係があります。[ɔr]を正しく発音できれば、次のようにして[iər]、[eər]、[a:r]、[ɔ:r]、[uər]を無理なく発音できるはずです。

次の半母音を何回か練習してください。

1. [i + əɹ] = [iəɹ] as in PEER
2. [ɛ + əɹ] = [ɛəɹ] as in PAIR
3. [a: + ɹ] = [a:ɹ] as in PAR
4. [ɔ: + ɹ] = [ɔ:ɹ] as in PORE
5. [u + əɹ] = [uəɹ] as in POOR

この5つの発音ができれば、[r]で終る全部の語が正しく発音できます。唇を丸め、舌を奥に引いて正しく[r]を発音することが大切で、決してイァ、エァ、オァ、アー、ウァと発音してはいけません。

では次の一連の単語を言ってみてください。

[əɹ]	[iəɹ]	[ɛəɹ]	[a:ɹ]	[ɔ:ɹ]	[uəɹ]
purr - peer	- pair	- par	- pour	- poor	
bird - beard	- bared	- barred	- bored		
fur - fear	- fair	- far	- four		

35 母音の後の[r]の練習

PRACTICE ON PRONOUNCING [r] AFTER VOWELS

次の練習をしましょう。

(a) ear [iəɹ] の練習

1. we're
2. here
3. beer

We're here.
We're near.

(d) or [ɔ:ɹ] の練習

1. door
2. four
3. more

Good mórning, George.
Pour four more beers.

(b) air [ɛəɹ] の練習

1. hair
2. care
3. fair

It's not fair.
Where's my chair?

(e) your [uəɹ] の練習

1. your
2. sure
3. poor

You're sure.

(c) are [a:ɹ] の練習

1. are
2. car
3. far

How áre you?
Park the car in the yard.