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# Standards of Pronunciation: What should we focus on?

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## Abstract

This presentation considers the pronunciation of four 14-year-old pupils at a neighbourhood secondary school in Singapore, and discusses which features of their pronunciation we should focus on. In particular, it looks at their avoidance of dental fricatives, simplification of word-final consonant clusters, and inventory of vowels, to see which of these areas of pronunciation are most important to enhance intelligibility and improve the quality of their speech. It also argues that a basic knowledge of phonics can help pupils (as well as teachers) to improve their pronunciation.

## About the Speaker

David Deterding has been teaching Phonetics, Grammar, Chinese-English Translation, and Introductory Linguistics at NIE in Singapore since 1992. He has just published a book on *Singapore English* with Edinburgh University Press. This will be his final presentation in Singapore before he leaves for Brunei Darussalam at the end of August.

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