

Clear Speech

FUN WITH PRONUNCIATION



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Thought

Whale

Veil

Who am I?



Adult learning
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2023
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Speaking Booster
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Teaching English to
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2008

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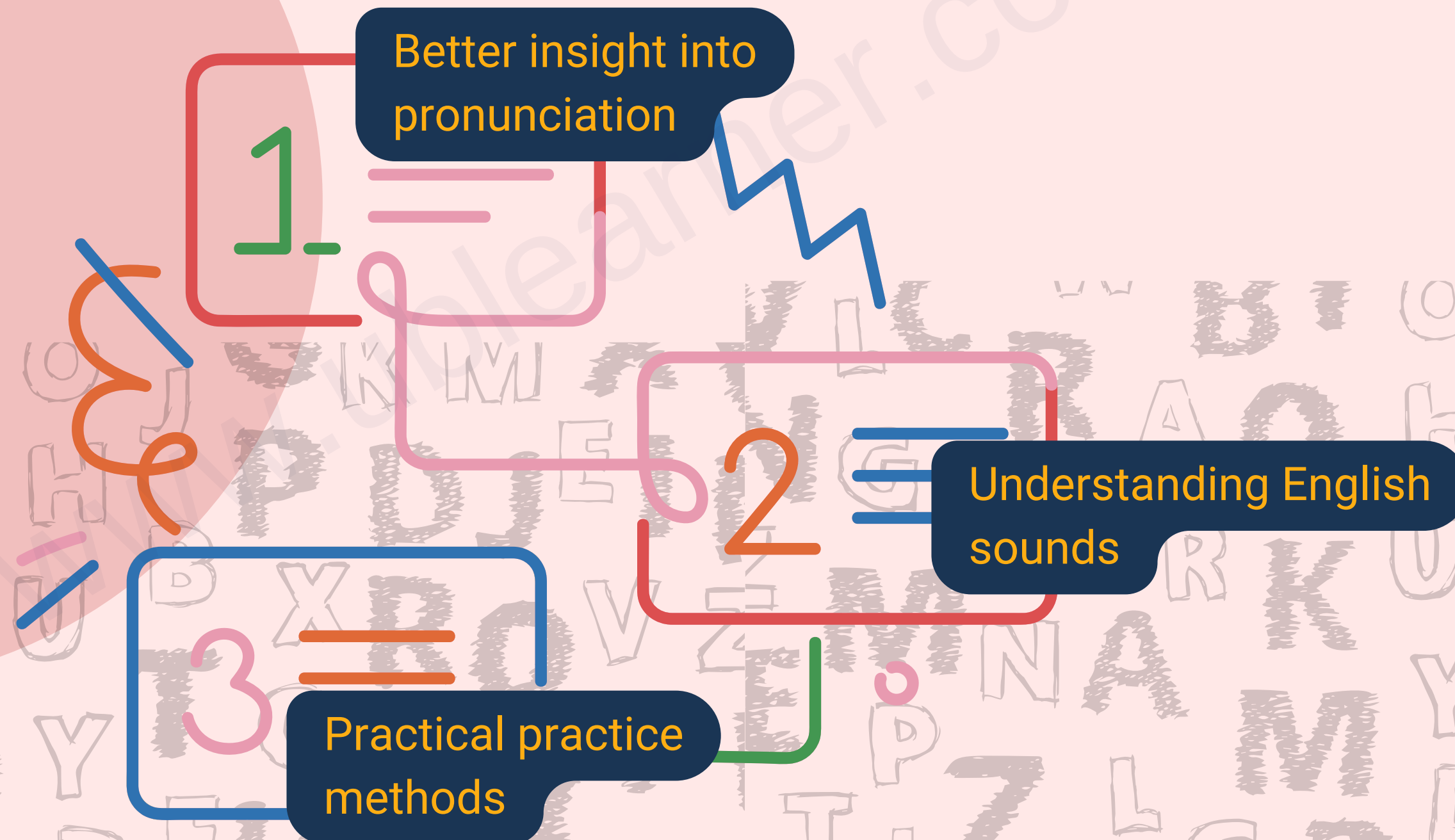
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Set a goal!

What is the one specific pronunciation challenge that you hope to improve during this workshop?



Your takeaway



Correct/ incorrect
pronunciation?!





“there should not be an ideal form of how a word is pronounced due to the many different accents that exist.”



“I believe there is such a thing as an ideal form of language. Knowing the rules and using the rules is a kind of discipline, so it takes a lot of training to get there. It is a skill and you have to work for it.”

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We know there is a standard pronunciation for words because quite simply that is what you will see when you look in a dictionary.”



bulletin

From Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English

Related topics: [Newspapers](#), [printing](#), [publishing](#)

bul·le·tin /'bʊlətɪn/ ●●○ **noun** [countable] 🔊 🔊

- 1 a news report on radio or television
- 2 an official statement that tells people about something important
- 3 a letter or printed statement that a group or organization produces to tell people its n

Examples from the Corpus

bulletin

- Our next **bulletin** is at 10.30 p.m.
- The latest police bulletin described the suspect as a white male in his twenties.

From Longman Business Dictionary

bul·le·tin /'bʊlətɪn/

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Well, it may well depend on the dictionary that you are looking in!



leisure

From Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English

Related topics: [leisure](#)

leisure /ˈleɪzə \$ ˈliːʒə/ ●●● W3 noun [uncountable] 🔊 🔊

1 time when you are not working or studying and can relax and do things you enjoy

🔊 Most people now enjoy shorter working hours and more leisure time.

🔊 Watching television is now the nation's most popular leisure activity.

🔊 The hotel offers various leisure facilities such as a swimming pool.

🔊 The leisure industry (=the business of providing leisure activities) is growing.

▶ see thesaurus at fun

2 → at (your) leisure

3 → gentleman/lady of leisure

What do you think?



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As a teacher, I do like the notion of there being a **standard correct** pronunciation of a word. We should strive towards an **ideal form** of a word.

But who decides on the ideal form? That is a different matter!



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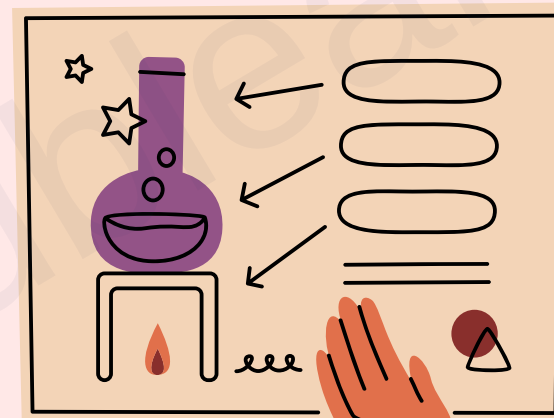
But let's say if a few dictionaries agree on the correct pronunciation of a word, nine times out of 10, I'm going to go with what they say.



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So, if you're in a posh, formal or business situation, you may want to use the ideal form of a word, the dictionary form.



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But, otherwise, in a relaxed context, where you are just being yourself, you may wish to knowingly pronounce a word in a different way, which is just normal for you in your accent.



What happens if we confuse the pronunciation of specific sounds?





Listen to me!

Can you spot anything
strange?

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This is what I said:

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This is what it should be:

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I saw a bat in the sky last night. Unfortunately, I mistook it for a rat and got scared. I ran away and sat on a stone to catch my breath. It's amazing how a single vowel or consonant change can cause so much confusion!

Minimal pairs are different words
that differ by only one sound



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Tone

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How to practice?

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Tongue twisters twist your tongues and your facial muscles:

Start very slow.

Go faster step by step.



The great Greek grape growers grow
great Greek grapes.



I feel ill when I eat eel.

Focus on the /iː/ (as in "eel") and /ɪ/ (as in "ill") vowel sounds.



Goat goes ghostly.

Focus on the /oʊ/ (as in "goat") and /o/ (as in "goes") vowel sounds.



Caught by a cot.

Work on the /ɔː/ (as in "caught") and /ɒ/ (as in "cot") vowel sounds.



Morning practice:



Beat Bit Bet Bait Bat

Seal i:
Sill I
Sell e
Sale ei
Soul oʊ
Soil ɔɪ

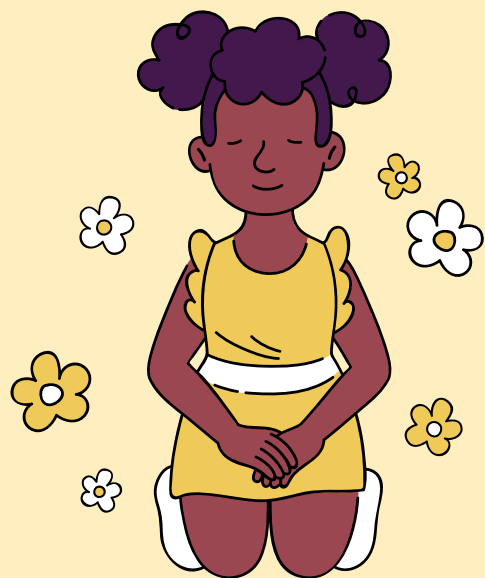
Seat	i:	Leave	i:	Bead
Sit	I	Live	I	Bid
Set	e	Left	e	Bed
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How to Improve?



Listen actively to advanced speakers:

- Authentic English content; such as podcasts, talk shows, interviews.
- Pay close attention to the pronunciation of words and sentences. Mimic the intonation and rhythm of the speakers.



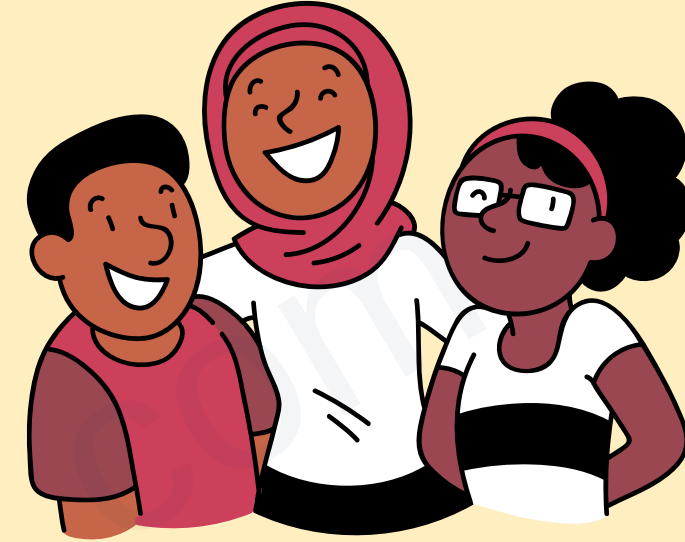
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Record and Evaluate Yourself:

- Use recording tools to capture your own speech.
- Compare your pronunciation to the speakers and identify areas for improvement.
- Break down longer words into syllables to improve clarity.
- Practice pronouncing each syllable separately before combining them into the complete word.

How to Improve?



Engage in Conversational English:

- Participate in English conversations with advanced speakers.
- Join language exchange programs or conversation clubs to gain practical experience and feedback.

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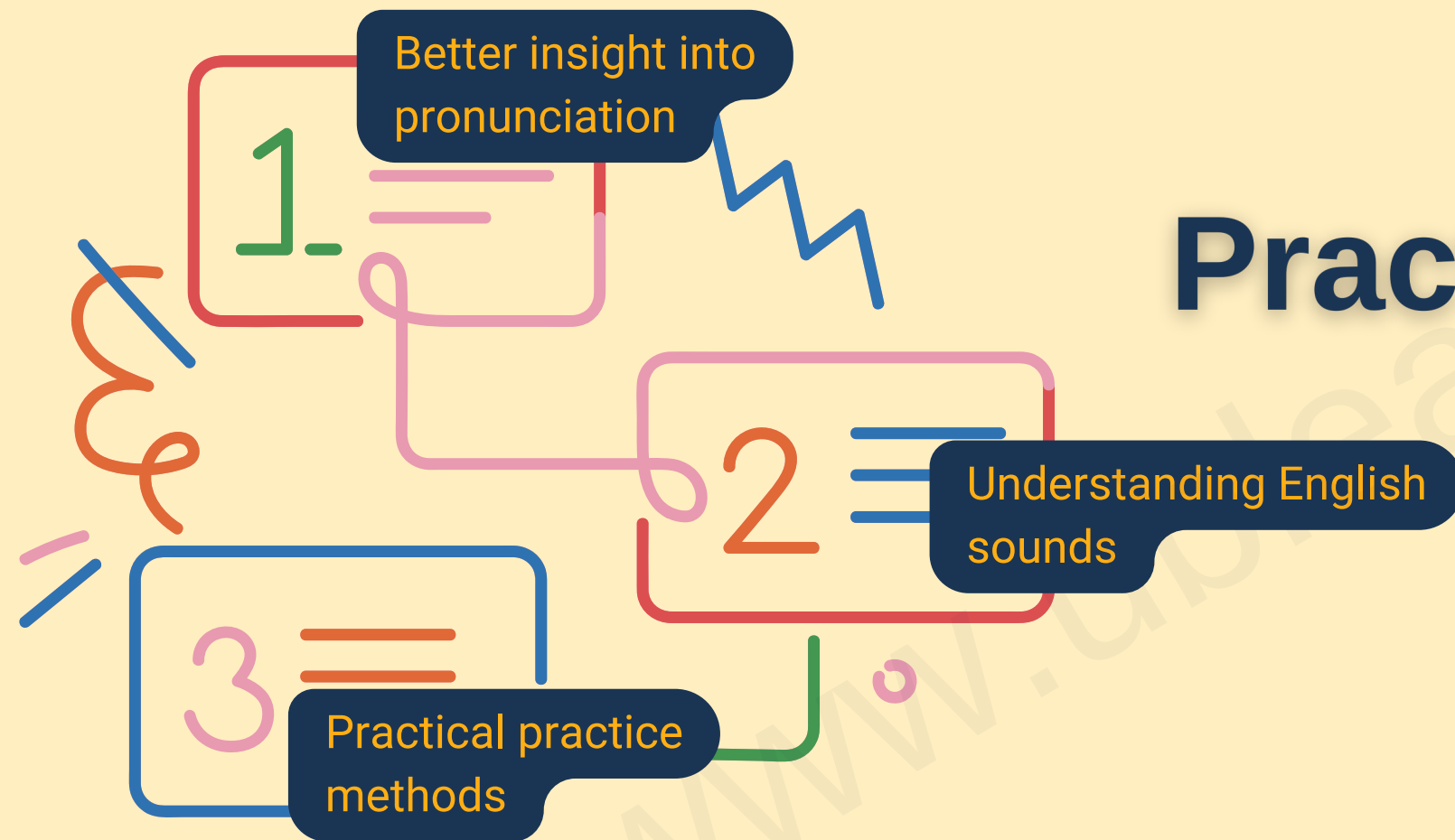
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Conclusion and takeaways



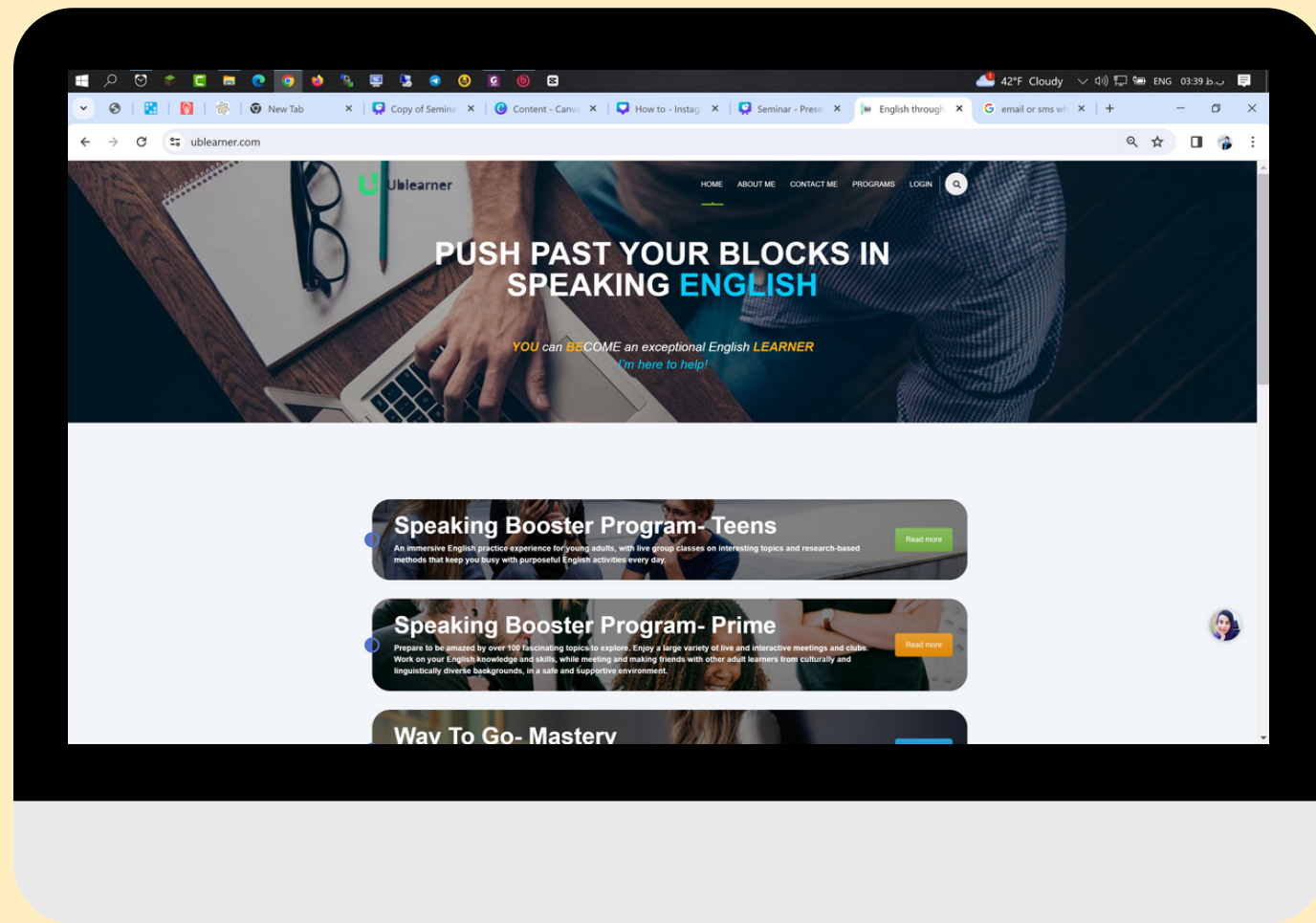
Practice, practice, practice!

You can make it happen!

Congratulations!

You've taken one more step
towards improving your
English skills!

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