

# PHRASE BY PHRASE

## Pronunciation and Listening in American English

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### ***Digital Video Disks***

The Phrase by Phrase Pronunciation DVDs are designed for non-native speakers of English who wish to make their speech more intelligible. The lessons are presented in a systematically organized learning program. The videos help learners develop auditory sensitivity - you hear sounds and sound patterns better. The exercises allow you to improve accuracy, fluency and ease in your oral production of English - you speak more clearly and confidently. You'll enjoy interesting stories, lively dialogs and vivid demonstrations of how to produce sounds.

In 16 lessons, Phrase by Phrase teaches the key characteristics of accent: stress, intonation, reduction and linking. These characteristics are reinforced and expanded upon throughout the videotape series. These features - called suprasegmentals by linguists - are essential in giving English its distinct rhythm and melody. Stress, rhythm and intonation are also the key factors in making pronunciation intelligible. No matter what your native language is, you will profit from understanding and mastery of these oral language features. In addition, you will practice all of the American English vowel and consonant groups throughout the learning program.

### ***Textbook***

The Phrase by Phrase Student Text provides pre-listening activities, listening comprehension exercises and detailed presentations and how to pronounce all the sounds in the American English language.

**Vocabulary Focus** exercises and illustrations help you predict the content of the passages you will listen to. A **Listening Passage** begins each lesson. All the sounds in each lesson are contextualized in an interesting story, dialog or monolog. Listening Comprehension exercises help you test your ability to understand main ideas and details as well as make inferences based on the listening passage.

**Listening Cloze** exercises focus your attention on listening to specific words and sounds in the listening passage.

**Sound Focus** exercises present specific sound features to train your ears to hear and your mouth to pronounce. Instructions are clearly explained and demonstrated.

**Sound in Context: Phrase by Phrase** exercises allow you to listen holistically for sounds in context and practice pronouncing short phrases, longer phrases and finally complete sentences.

**The On Your Own** pronunciation component encourages learners to practice and analyze their pronunciation. End-of-Chapter **Topics for Oral Composition** provide expanded speaking and writing opportunities.

### ***Audio Compact Disks***

The five audio CDs ( or one MP3 CD) provide a complete listening and speaking program to accompany the text. Each lesson includes the opening listening Passage, with instructions for Listening Comprehension and Listening Cloze; 5 to 7 Sound Focus exercises featuring consonants, vowels, stress, intonation, rhythm and linking; and Phrase by Phrase segments, which allow you to build up your accuracy and fluency in speaking longer and longer phrases.

### ***About the Author***

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