

# Difficult Words in English to Pronounce

Word	Pronounced as	IPA Pronunciation	Meaning
Accolade	AK-uh-lade	'ækələɪd	Honor or award
Anemone	uh-NEM-uh-nee	ə'nɛməni	Type of flower
Archive	AR-kahyv	'ɑ:rkɑɪv	Collection of records
Benghazi	ben-GAH-zee	bɛn'gɑ:zi	City in Libya
Bough	bow	bɑʊ	Branch of a tree
Bouillon	bool-YON	'bʊljɑ̃	Clear broth
Cacophony	kuh-KAH-fuh-nee	kə'kɒfəni	Harsh noise
Chameleon	kuh-MEEL-yuhn	kə'miliən	Color-changing reptile
Chthonic	THON-ik	'θɒnɪk	Related to the underworld
Debris	duh-BREE	də'bri	Scattered fragments
Dichotomy	dahy-KAH-tuh-mee	dɑɪ'kɑ:təmi	Division into two
Epiphany	ih-PIF-uh-nee	ɪ'pɪfəni	Sudden realization
Epitome	ih-PIT-uh-mee	ɪ'pɪtəmi	Perfect example
Euphoria	yoo-FOH-ree-uh	ju:'fɔ:riə	Intense happiness
Facade	fuh-SAHD	fə'sɑ:d	False front
Flamboyant	flam-BOI-uhnt	flæm'bɔɪənt	Showy or extravagant
Fuchsia	FYOO-shuh	'fju:ʃə	Pink-purple color

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Gnocchi	NYOH-kee	'nɒki	Italian dumplings
Gregarious	grih-GAIR-ee-uhs	grɪ'gɛəriəs	Sociable or outgoing
Hierarchy	HY-uhr-ahr-kee	'haɪərərki	Ranking system
Hors d'oeuvre	or-DURV	ɔ:rz 'dɜ:rɪv	Appetizer
Inchoate	in-KOH-eyt	ɪn'koʊ.eɪt	Rudimentary
Indict	in-DYT	ɪn'daɪt	Accuse formally
Jaundice	JAWN-dis	'dʒɔ:ndɪs	Yellowing of skin
Juxtapose	juhk-stuh-POHZ	ˌdʒʌkstə'poʊz	Place side by side
Kerfuffle	ker-FUHF-uhl	kər'flʌfəl	Commotion or fuss
Knack	nak	næk	Skill
Labyrinth	LAB-uh-rinth	'læbərɪnθ	Maze
Liaison	lee-AY-zahn	li'eɪ.zɑ̃	Connection
Maelstrom	MEYL-strahm	'meɪl.strɑ:m	Whirlpool
Mnemonic	ni-MON-ik	nɪ'mɒnɪk	Memory aid
Nougat	NOO-guht	'nu:gət	Confectionery
Nuisance	NOO-suhns	'nu:ˌsəns	Annoyance
Opaque	oh-PAYK	oʊ'peɪk	Not transparent

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Ostracize	OS-truh-syz	'ɑstrəˌsaɪz	Exclude or banish
Perennial	puh-REN-ee-uhl	pə'ren.i.əl	Long-lasting
Pernicious	pur-NISH-uhs	pər'nɪʃəs	Harmful or destructive
Pneumonia	noo-MOH-nee-uh	nju'moʊniə	Lung infection
Quinoa	KEEN-wah	'ki:nwɑː	Grain-like seed
Rapport	ra-POR	ræ'pɔːr	Connection
Rendezvous	RON-duh-voo	'randɪˌvuː	Meeting point
Surreptitious	suh-rup-TISH-uhs	ˌsɜːrəp'tɪʃəs	Secret
Tchotchke	CHAHCH-kuh	'tʃɒtʃkə	Small decorative item
Tryst	trist	trɪst	Secret meeting
Tumultuous	too-MUHL-choo-uhs	tjuː'mʌltʃuəs	Chaotic or disorderly
Ubiquitous	yoo-BI-kwuh-tuhs	juː'bɪkwɪtəs	Everywhere
Verbose	ver-BOHS	vər'boʊs	Wordy
Wistful	WIST-fuhl	'wɪst.fəl	Yearning
Xenial	ZEE-nee-uhl	'ziːniəl	Hospitable
Yacht	yaht	jɒt	Luxury boat
Yearn	yurn	jɜːn	Long or pine for
Yggdrasil	IG-druh-sil	'ɪg.drə.sɪl	Mythological tree
Zealot	ZEL-uht	'zelət	Fanatic