Top Six Pronunciation Issues for Spanish -Speaking Learners

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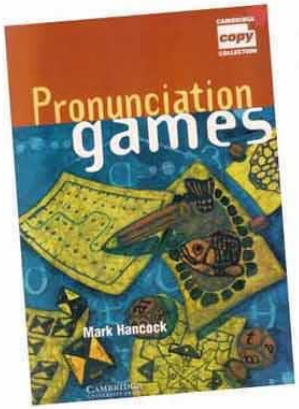

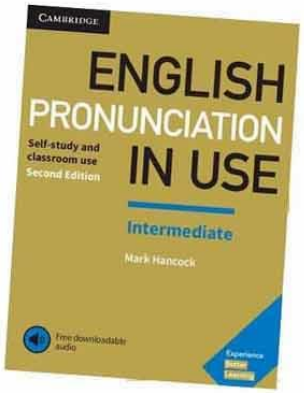

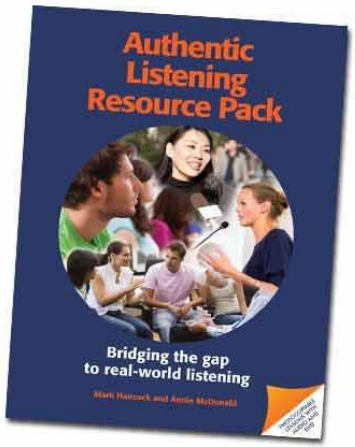

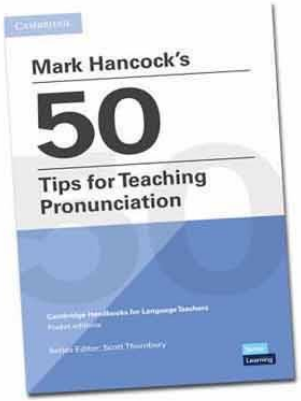

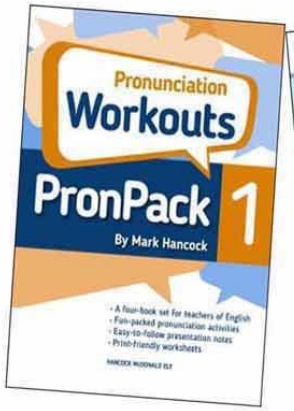

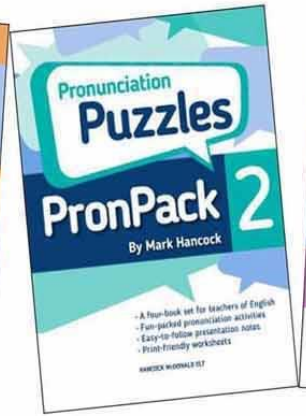

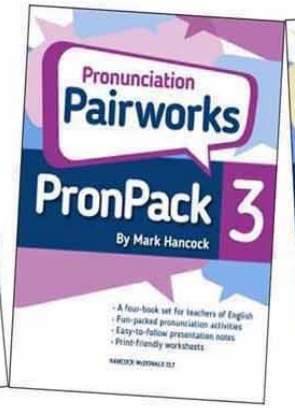

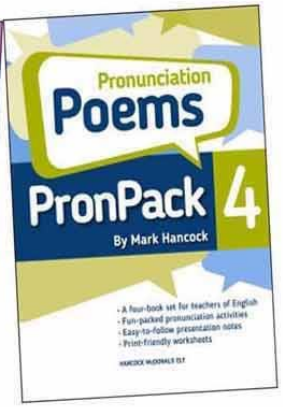

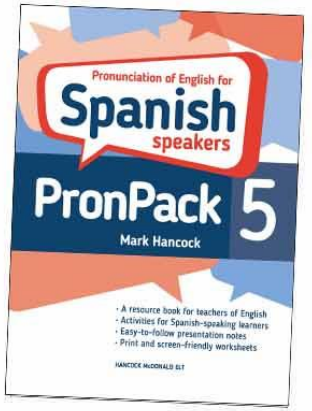

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6. Initial consonant clusters

speak

CCVC

es peak

VC CVC

Note: /p/ after /s/ = [b]

parrot speak = parrot's beak

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'Pretty 'Pretty Polly' Polly'

A	B
When you're looking at its face You can see a parrot's beak	When it's talking to itself 1. **You can see a parrot speak**
When he's wearing shorts You can see Matt's knees	When he's got a bad cold 2.
When she's swimming in the pool You can see Ruth's wet	When she's running in the sun 3.
When you're walking to his house You can see Jack's gate	When the river turns to ice 4.

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When you're walking to his house You can see Jack's gate	When the river turns to ice 4. **You can see Jack skate**

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5. Semi-vowels w and y

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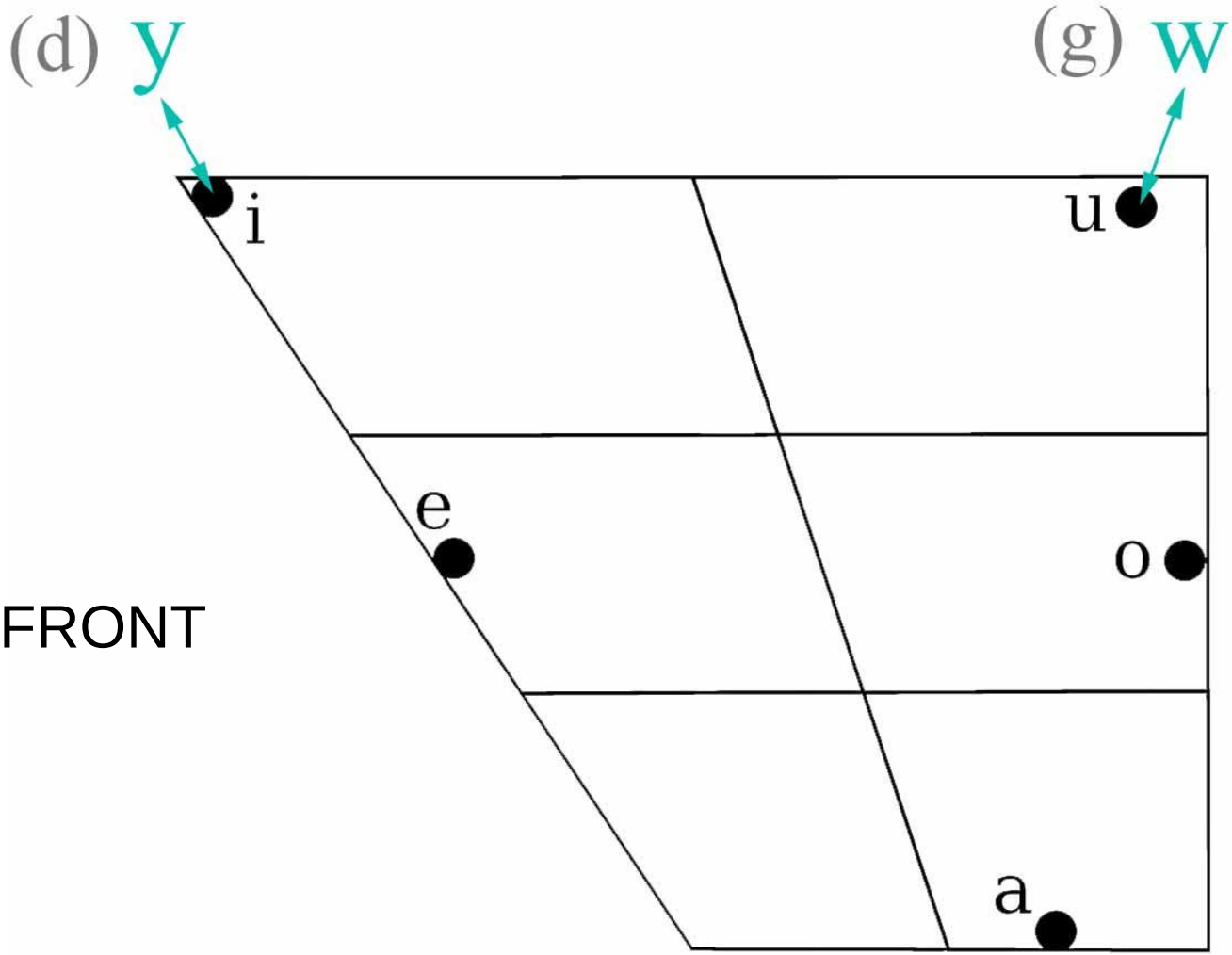

FRONT

BACK

OPEN

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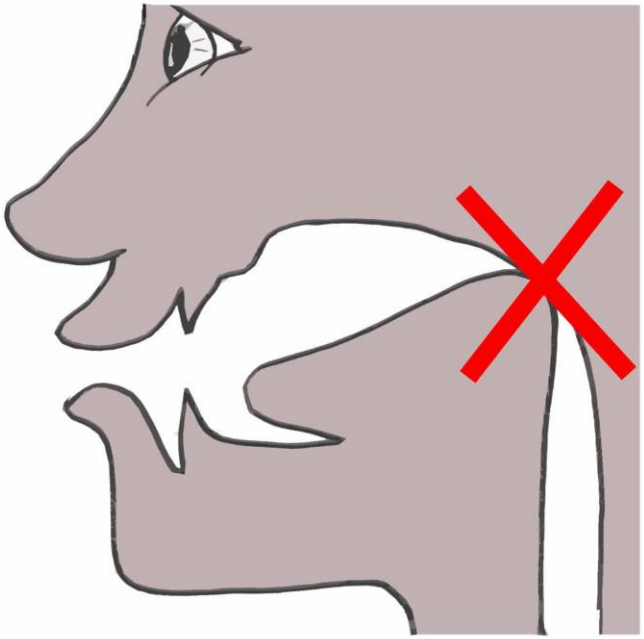
W

woman



wood - good

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Woman and Wolf

A **w**o**m**an with a **w**oo**ll**en **hat**
Was **w**a**lk**ing in the **w**o**od**
Everything was **w**o**nd**erful
Everything was **good**

A **w**i**ck**ed **w**o**lf** a**ppeared**
Just **like** we **knew** it **w**o**uld**
Stories **al**ways **have** a **w**o**lf**
Wa**it**ing in the **w**o**od**

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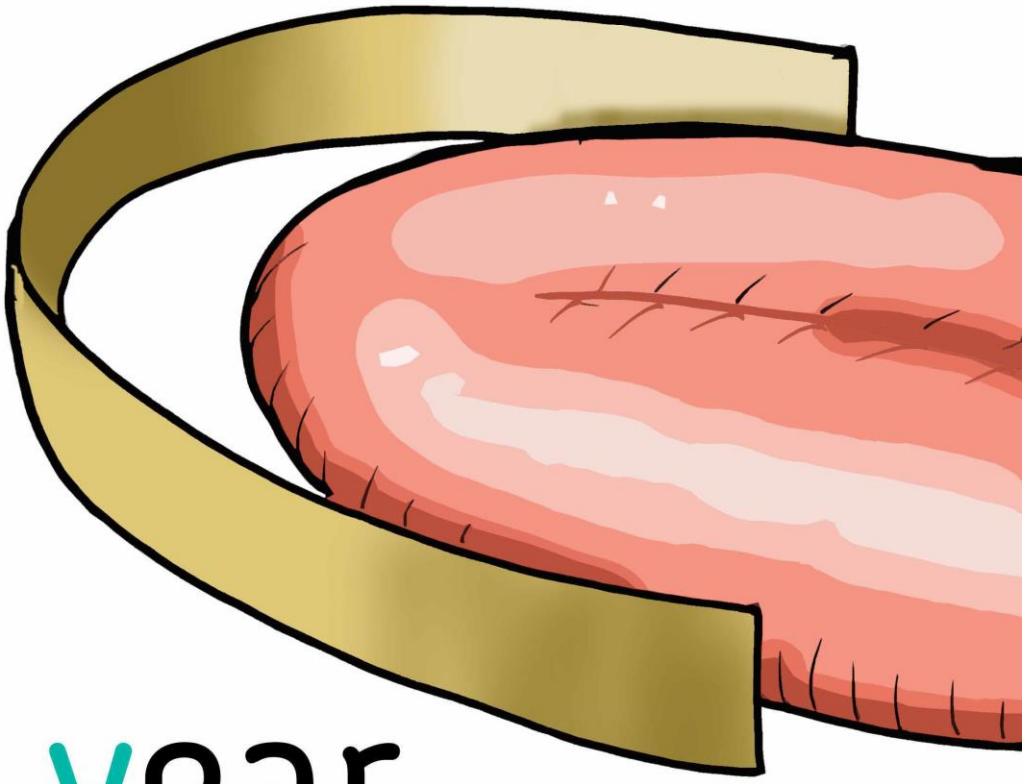
~~d~~ y



year

ear - year - jeer

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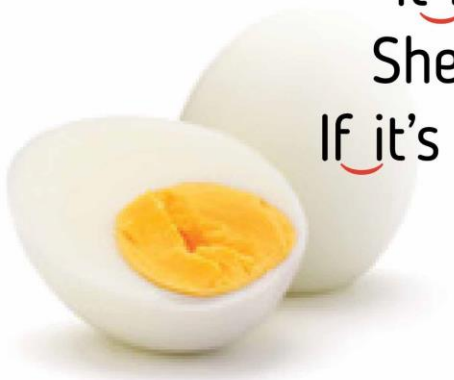
Yellow

Jess likes **Jell**-O
She **al**so likes **juice**
But **if** it isn't **yell**ow
It **is**n't any **use**

'No', says **Jess**
It **is**n't just a **joke**
She'll **on**ly say **'yes'**
If it's **yell**ow like a **yolk**!



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4. Voicing at ends of words

pub pubs /bz/

pav

paff

paffs /fs/

What's the pattern?

A
voiced

/g/	/d/	/z/
blog	blogged	blogs
/b/		
robe	robed	robes
/v/		
serve	served	serves

B
voiceless

/k/	/t/	/s/
block	blocked	blocks
/p/		
rope	roped	ropes
/f/		
surf	surfed	surfs

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IZ	Jess's dresses	S	The bee's knees	Z
Pip's trips		Bert's shirts	Chris's kisses	Rose's roses
Rick's tricks	Alice's palaces	Grace's places	Joe's toes	The horse's courses
My niece's pieces		The guy's ties	Sid's kids	Jock's clocks
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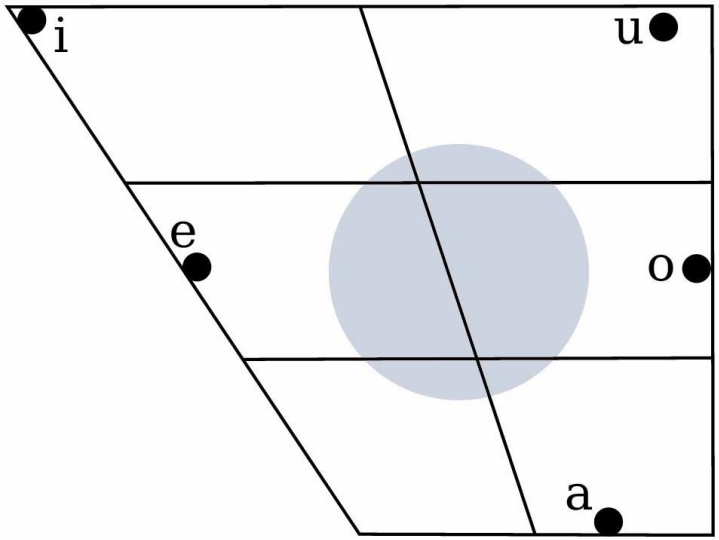
3. Neutral (central) vowels



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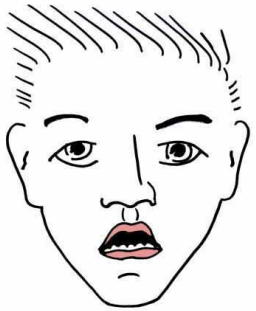

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fir gir chur thur

cur bir tur nur mer

thir shir emer skir

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2. Slippery consonants, esp. m / n / ng and b / v

KIM JONG

KING JOHN

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	1	2	3
A			
	Don Slim	Dong Slim	Dom Slim
B			
	Don Sling	Dong Sling	Dom Sling
C			
	Don Slin	Dong Slin	Dom Slin

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before		between	
b	bailar vaso	β	cabo lavar
d	dinero	ð	lado
g	guiso	ɣ	agua

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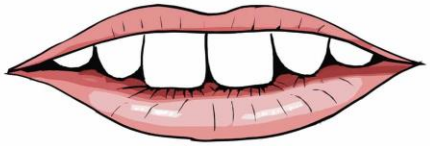
b

berry

best

v



very

vest

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Barry had a **berry** vest
On it was a **berry**
The **vest** was the **best**
Was it **cool**? Yes, **very**!

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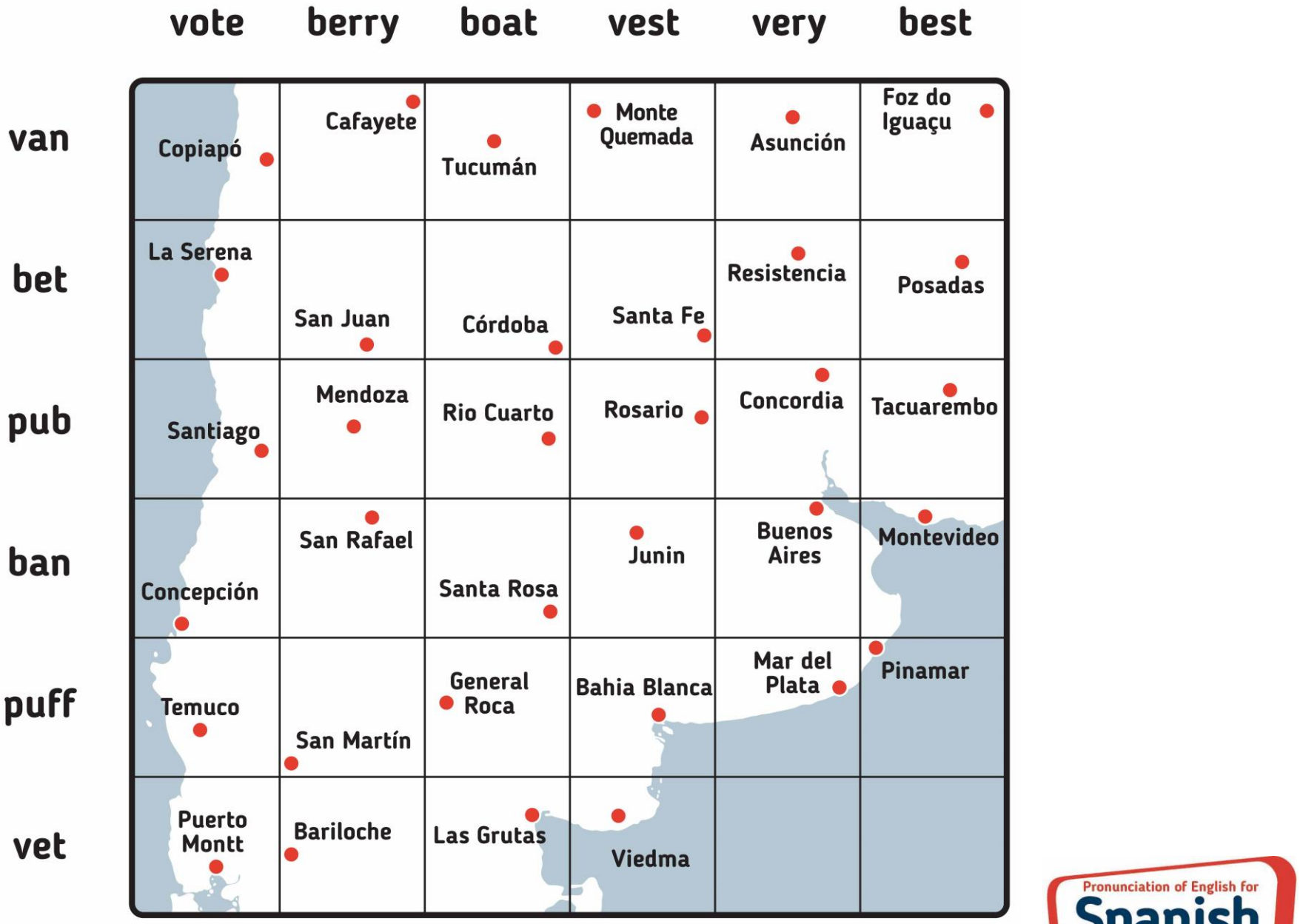

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1. Cutting consonants off the ends of words!

Happy Endings

FIRST LEVEL

1 She (**a**. cycles, **b**. cycled) to work.

2 He (**a**. listens, **b**. listened) to music.

3 What (**a**. happens, **b**. happened) next?

4 He (**a**. works, **b**. worked) late.

SECOND LEVEL

1 They (**a**. burn, **b**. burnt) wood.

2 Your (**a**. guess, **b**. guest) was correct.

3 The (**a**. bell, **b**. belt) was broken.

4 Press the (**a**. star, **b**. start) button.

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Globe Trotters

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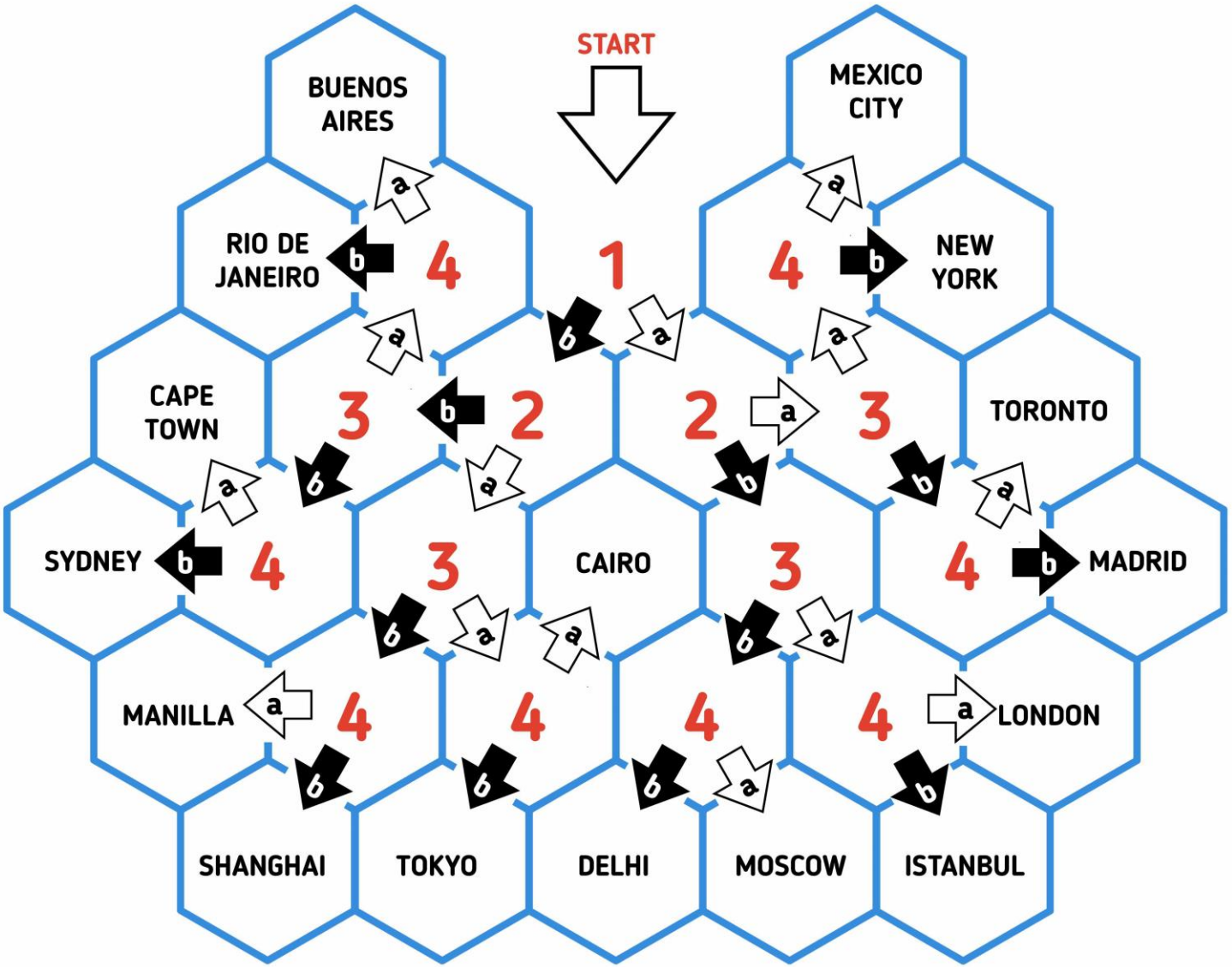

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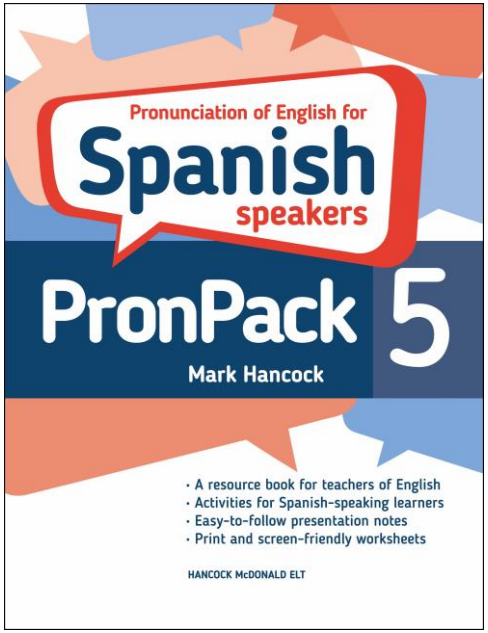

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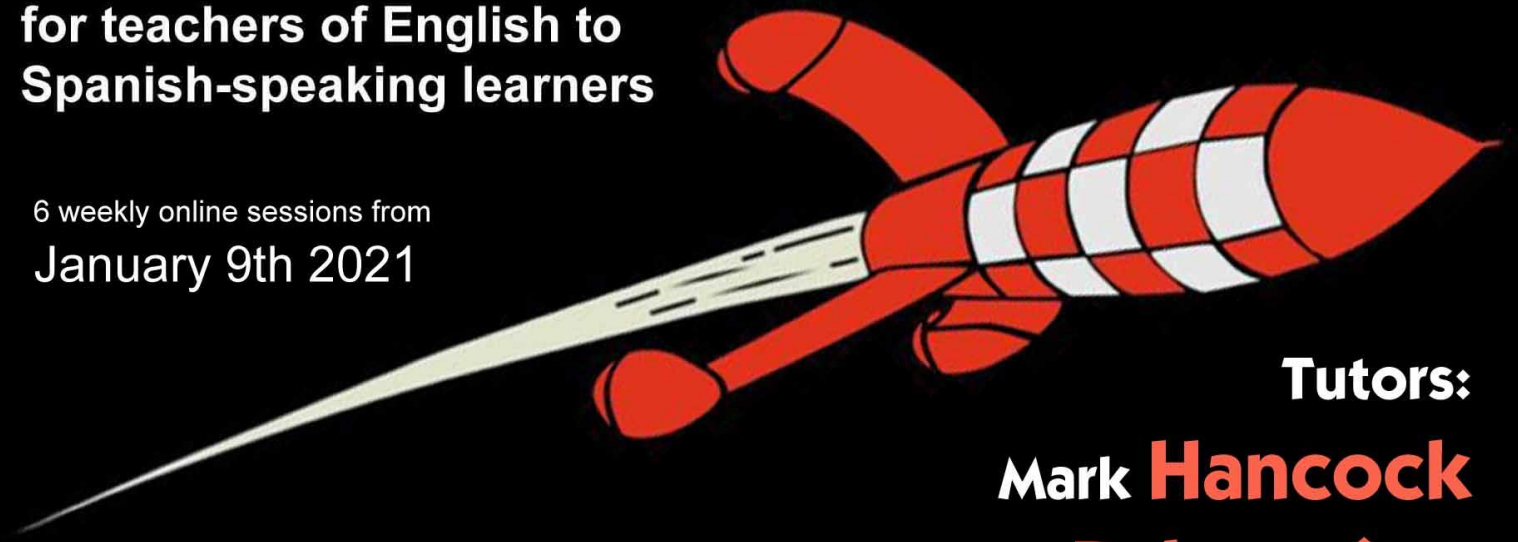

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