

TOWARDS A PEDAGOGIC PHONOLOGY

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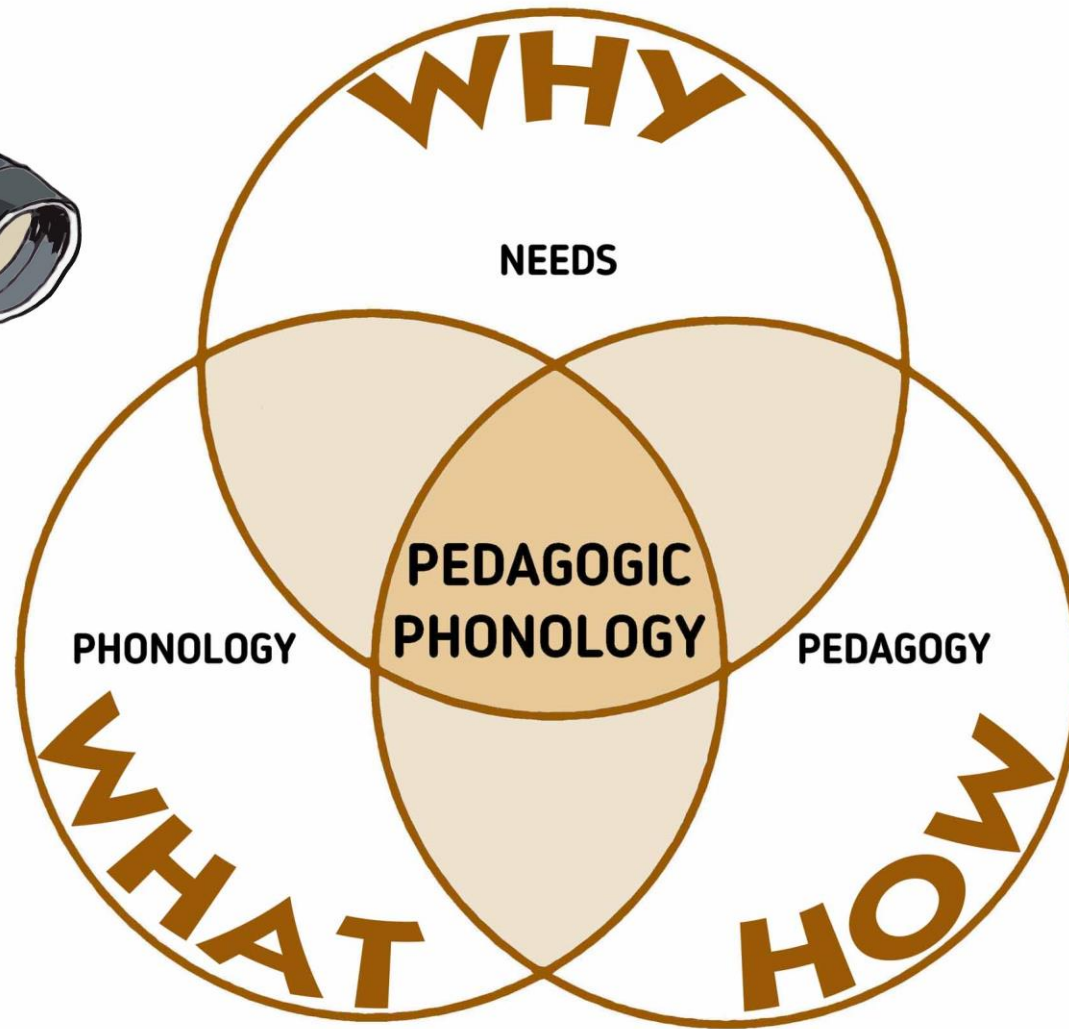
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“If it weren’t for the
hands, the clock
would be useless”
(Polish proverb)

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Remember the three things!



Communication is a two-way street!

Be careful!

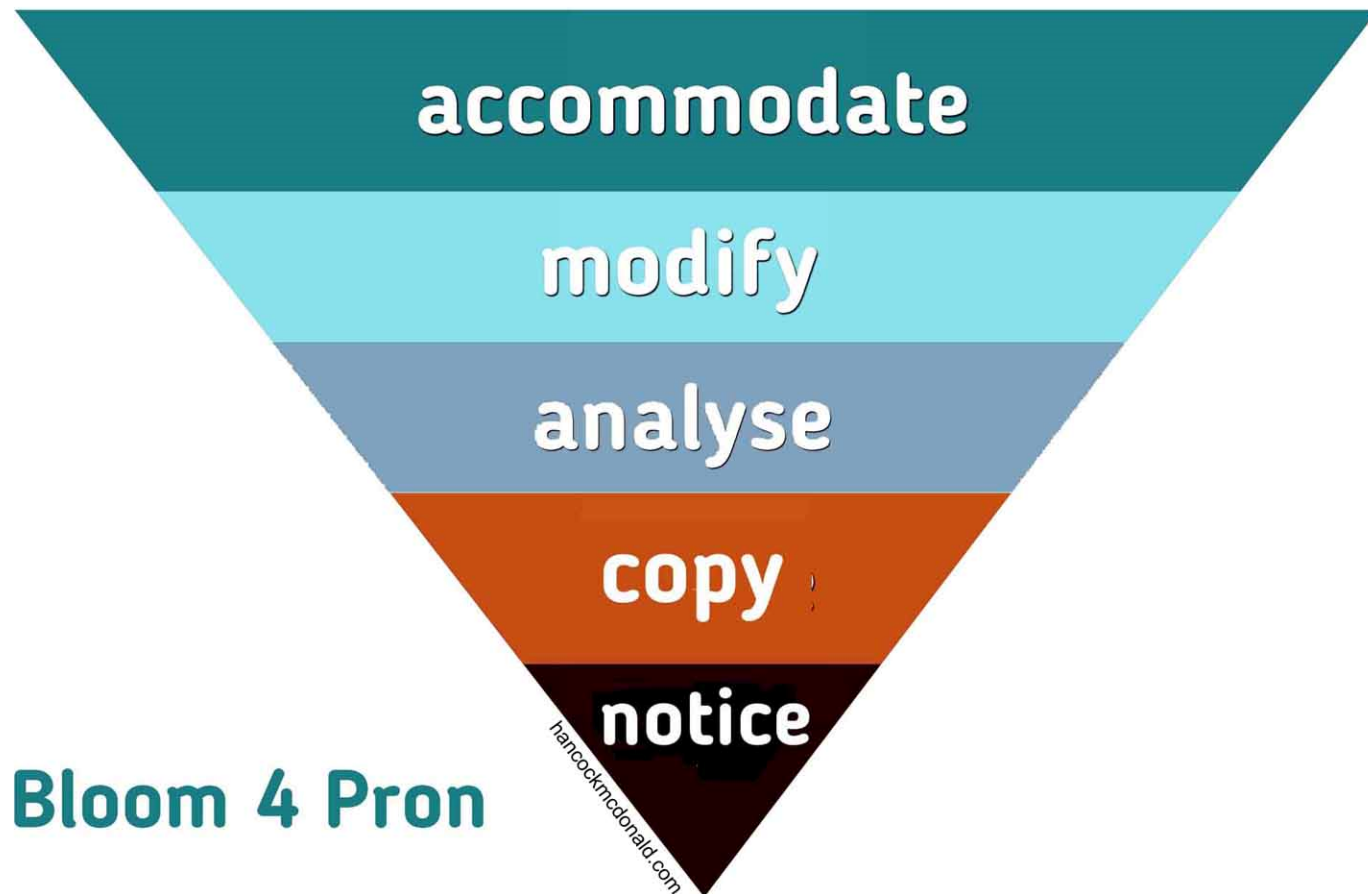
Sorry, I only understand proper English.



Accent snobbery as self-harm

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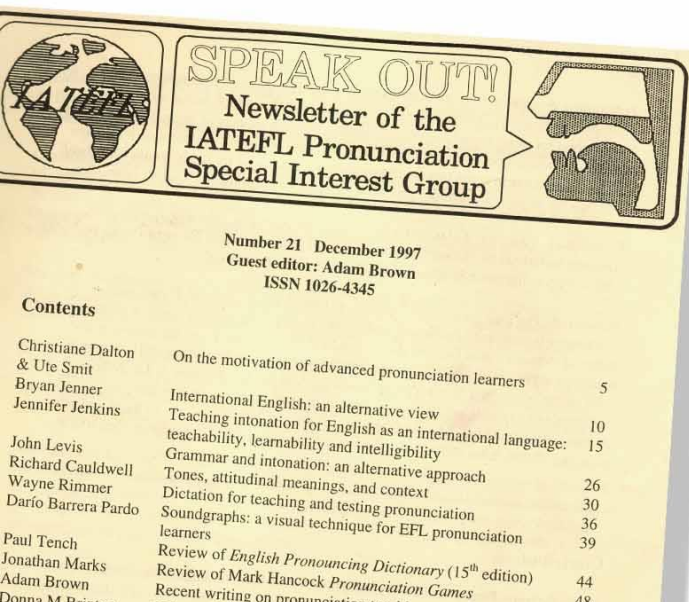
A hierarchy of pronunciation skills?



A blast from the past.

“Descriptions of native varieties ... have been an unhappy mixture of phonetic detail and phonological truth, and this ... has led to either acute problems in teaching pronunciation or to its total neglect by many teachers.”

Brian Jenner, Speak Out 21 (1997)



Phonology versus phonetics.

word	phonemic	phonetic (Accent A)	phonetic (Accent B)
bag	/bæg/	[bæg]	[beg]
beg	/beg/	[beg]	[bɪg]
big	/bɪg/	[bɪg]	[bʌg]



Another metaphor.

It doesn't matter which
computer you use ...



... if it gets you into the cloud!

A multiple entry point model.

It doesn't matter what accent
you have ...



... if it gets you into the
community!

A multiple entry point model.

