

Common Pronunciation Mistakes

Class Objective: I will be able to understand the common pronunciation mistakes in Telugu.

Concept A: Common mistake in the pronunciation of a few letters in Telugu



la (ల)

la (ళ)

The sound for 'ళ' is special for Telugu.

- The tongue is curled back
- Then the tip of the tongue is placed very near the roof of the mouth but not touching it.
- The air stream passes through the sides of the tongue as well as in between the tip of the tongue and the roof of the mouth.
- The vocal cords are vibrated.
- The soft palate is raised.

The letter 'ల' is pronounced as follows:

- The tip of the tongue has contact with alveolar ridge in such a way that there is complete blockade of air in the middle of the mouth.
- The soft palate is raised so that the air cannot get through since they are not in contact with the sides of the palate.
- The vocal cords are vibrated during its production.
- This sound is described as a voiced alveolar lateral.
- It occurs in the word initial, medial, and final positions.



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