

Common pronunciation mistakes in Gujarati

Class Objective:

I will be able to understand the words and expressions that are commonly mispronounced in Gujarati.

Concept A: Common pronunciation mistakes

Definition : Pronunciation is known as uccharan in Gujarati.

Let us see a few examples of common pronunciation mistakes

Wrong pronunciation of the alphabets - vyanjanon nu khotu uccharan (વ્યંજન નું ખોટું ઉચ્ચારણ) : ka (ક) is pronounced as kai (કૈ), kha (ખ) is pronounced as khai (ખૈ) etc. sa (સ), sh(શ) and sha (ષ) are also pronounced wrongly. many people pronounce sh (શ) and sh (ષ) as sa (સ). for example: english (ઇંગ્લિશ) is pronounced as inglis (ઇંગ્લીસ), shadyantra (ષડયંત્ર) is pronounced as sadyantra (સડયંત્ર).

Concept B: Wrong pronunciation of Ru

Ru nu khotu uccharan (રુ નું ખોટું ઉચ્ચારણ) : Ru (રુ) in North India is pronounced as ri (રિ) and as ru (ર) in South India. Sometimes it is also pronounced as ra (ર) like Krishi (કૃષિ) is pronounced as Krashi (કશી) etc. its original pronunciation is almost eliminated.

Concept C: Wrong pronunciation of Gn

gn nu khotu uccharan (ગ્ન નું ખોટું ઉચ્ચારણ): Gn (ગ્ન) is pronounced differently all over India, However its original pronunciation gnya (ગ્ન) is also eliminated now.

Concept D: Wrong pronunciation of Ksha

Ksha nu khotu uccharan (ક્ષ નું ખોટું ઉચ્ચારણ): ksha (ક્ષ) is pronounced as Chh (છ) usually. for example : Kshatriya (ક્ષત્રિય) is said as chhatriya (છત્રીય).

Concept E: Half letters pronounced as complete ones

Aadhe aksharon nu pura aksharon tarike uccharan (અડધા અક્ષર નું પુરા અક્ષર તરીકે ઉચ્ચારણ) : some people ignore the half letter and pronounce it as a whole. For example: Prashn (પ્રશ્ન) is often pronounced as prashan (પ્રશ્ન), Mahatva (મહત્વ) is pronounced as Mahatav (મહત્વ), and Prayatna (પ્રયત્ન) is pronounced as Prayatana (પ્રયત્ન).

Practice A: Try to talk to practice pronunciations in Gujarati.

Self-assessment:

Good	My pronunciation is perfect.
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