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Pronunciation. Is proper pronunciation necessary in order to become a good English speaker?

Perhaps, the answer is Yes and at the same time, the answer is No. I've met many people who say, "Pronunciation doesn't matter when you're speaking English!".

But, why is that? The answer is obvious. What you talk about is more important than your pronunciation. Nothing is more important than expressing yourself in your own words.

Then, why is pronunciation that important? This time, let's focus on just one major point. There is one big advantage to practicing proper pronunciation.

That's confidence.

Good pronunciation makes you feel confident about your English skills. You have to practice many, many times until you feel confident.

Take me as an example. My English, of course, still needs improvement, and it's not perfect at all. But I'm sure my English is understandable, and I am confident that I can get my ideas through to you.

So let's go back to our original question: "Is proper pronunciation necessary in order to become a good English speaker?" The answer is yes. In order to start using English as a real tool for communication, we need to be able to feel confident speaking it.

By being confident, we can be open-minded when communicating with others. And having that confidence is where everything begins.