| Portuguese speakers |
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| Problem | What to practise |
| In Portuguese, /r/ is pronounced /h/ at the beginning of words, so Portuguese speakers might confuse *head* with *red*, *height* with *right*, and so on. | head/red, height/right, rat/hat, root/hoot, role/hole |
| Spanish speakers |
| Problem | What to practise |
| Spanish words hardly ever start with an 's+consonant' sound. Words that have 's+consonant' near the beginning usually all start with an 'e' as the first letter, for example *escuela* (*school*). This results in pronunciation mistakes like 'I am from Espain'. | Spain, Spanish, school, special, speak, square, sport |

| Arabic speakers |
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| Problem | What to practise |
| In Arabic, there is no /p/ sound and many learners pronounce the letter 'p' as /b/. This causes pronunciation mistakes like 'Baris' instead of 'Paris'. | pace/base, peas/bees, pat/bat, prick/brick, pit/bit, pouring/boring |
| Cantonese, Mandarin and Korean speakers |
| Problem | What to practise |
| There is no /v/ sound in Cantonese, standard Mandarin and Korean. This causes pronunciation mistakes like 'wery' instead of 'very'. | veil/whale, vile/while, vent/went, vine/wine, vary/wary, veal/wheel |

| Japanese speakers |
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| Problem | What to practise |
| The sounds /l/ and /r/ are problematic for Japanese speakers. This is because the Japanese 'r' sounds like something between the English /r/ and /l/. This causes pronunciation mistakes like 'lice' instead of 'rice'. | light/right, long/wrong, wrist/list, lips/rips, reach/leech, royal/loyal |
| Hindi speakers |
| Problem | What to practise |
| Hind speakers need to be careful with the sounds /t/ and /d/. In Hindi, the tongue is curled back, which produces a heavy sound. In English, the sound is much lighter. | but, cut, too, total, taste, said, dead, Madrid, bedroom, ladder |

| Russian speakers |
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| Problem | What to practise |
| There is no /w/ in Russian, so Russian speakers tend to confuse /w/ and /v/ in English. This causes mistakes like 'Vell' instead of 'Well'. | veil/whale, vile/while, vent/went, vine/wine, vary/wary, veal/wheel |