

## **Is It Your Challenge Or Weakness**

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We often hear the word challenge in everything we do, now by definition – Challenge means difficulty in a task or undertaking it; but by human definition, challenges can mean a whole lot more than just having to do with difficulties in undertaking certain tasks.

A person who is unable to pronounce certain words the right way, might be categorized as having a challenge in pronouncing those words. The reason could be due to their language incompetency or the lack of knowledge in pronouncing it.

Challenges are often encountered by those who have English as their second or even third language. However, there are some who have been learning and bettering their English yet have not progressed too much for the last..... 15 years of nonstop speaking.

This is where I often propose the question back to them during their English assessment; is pronouncing and speaking proper English their challenge or has it become their weakness for not letting themselves get better even during such a long period of time.

Now the reason I ask is, if one was unable to read or pronounce properly due to their lack of knowledge, it is acceptable to say they are facing a challenge. However, the challenge will soon become a weakness when the person has gone through the whole she-bang of training, practicing and tips sharing from the best coach in town yet over the course of such a long time they STILL face the same challenge.

Many of them come in the hope of improving their verbal skills, but not many of them are willing to go the extra mile in overcoming the challenge with their newly learnt tips. So over a period of time, their challenge in speaking English looks more like a weakness in them for not wanting it bad enough to take on the challenge.

It is a question of whether they are really having a challenge with the language and the whole learning process, or is it their weakness for simply looping on the same challenge.