# Are you pronouncing these food terms right?

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Food is something that everyone loves. Thinking of food itself makes us hungry. If you are a food lover and have a knack for cooking, then you might have surely tried many food items. Your culinary skills would make you a cooking expert or you might even land to Master Chef. Although your cooking skills may possibly give you a new job, but average or poor communication skills may ruin your chance. The way you talk, the way you present or you pronounce matters a lot. In today's blog, we are bringing you pronunciation lesson for these common food terms. Let us have a look at the list.



# 7 must know words

#### 1. Buffet

Buffet means a meal that consists of various dishes and is self-served by the people. This is the common word which is mispronounced. The way it is written is not how we say it. People say it buff-ay but the right way to pronounce it is boo-fay.

# 2. Espresso

Espresso is a highly concentrated, bittersweet coffee brewed by forcing a small amount of nearly boiling water under pressure through finely ground coffee beans. It is wrongly pronounced as express-o whereas the right way to pronounce it is es-press-oh.

#### 3. Bruschetta

Bruschetta is an Italian appetizer containing tomatoes, fresh basil, garlic, and olive oil. It is incorrectly pronounced as broo-sheh-ta whereas it should be pronounced as broos-keh-t-tah.

# 4. Mojito

Mojito is a traditional Cuban cocktail containing of white rum, sugar, lime juice, soda water, and mint. People often say it as mo-ji-to but the correct pronunciation is mo-hi-to.

#### 5. Mousse

A mousse is a prepared food that includes air bubbles to give it a light and airy texture. A mousse

may be sweet or savory in taste. The spelling looks familiar like mouse so it is generally pronounced as mouse but the correct way of pronouncing it is moo-s.

# 6. Jalapeno

The jalapeno is a medium sized chilly pepper pod type cultivar of the species Capsicum annuum. It is used in pizzas. It is wrongly pronounced as ja-la-peh-noh and the correct pronunciation is hahlah-peh-nyoh.

# 7. Raspberry

Raspberry is a fruit from genus Rubus, which comes from Rose family. It is commonly pronounced as rasp-berry but it is incorrect. The correct pronunciation is raz-ber-ee.

When <u>learning English</u>, our focus should be on getting the pronunciation right as a slip of tongue here and there can change the meaning of a sentence. With the above explanation you can now pronounce these food terms properly in English. Listen to each word when they are pronounced because only by listening will you be able to improve your English speaking. All the best.

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