

## Service Learning Audition Information

Thank you for expressing interest in working with the Iowa Department for the Blind as a service learning project for the semester. We are working to adapt and streamline their audition process by handling some of it here on campus so you don't have to make an extra trip to Des Moines. In order to provide top quality service, they want the best readers they can find. Please test yourself on the following words you might encounter in a newspaper, magazine, or novel. If you can pronounce nearly all of these words without hesitation, then let's schedule the rest of the audition. (Note that pronouncing words out of context is typically more challenging than pronouncing them in context, so it's okay if a couple of these words don't come out smoothly the first time.)

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| 1. heinous    | 11. epitome               |
| 2. vehemently | 12. pseudonym             |
| 3. diminutive | 13. realtor               |
| 4. barrage    | 14. nuclear               |
| 5. asphyxiate | 15. subtle                |
| 6. indictment | 16. bayou                 |
| 7. infamous   | 17. ingenu                |
| 8. entourage  | 18. jewelry               |
| 9. awry       | 19. slough (bog or marsh) |
| 10. benign    | 20. slough (to shed skin) |

### Audition Process:

1. **Sign up** for a time with Dr. Slagell [aslagell@iastate.edu]
2. **Vocabulary.** When you come in for your audition appointment, we'll have you read through parts of an additional word list. It is fine for you to practice these words before coming in (see list below). Some of this vocabulary is particularly for the newspaper reading program so it is not essential that your pronunciations all be perfect. [Since I didn't grow up in Iowa, I need help pronouncing Allamakee County too!] What they are most interested in is fluency, articulation, clarity and expressiveness; if you've enjoyed reading out loud to others in the past (and if people have enjoyed your reading) you'll make a good candidate.
3. **Prepared reading.** Bring in a book or an excerpt that you have practiced reading out loud. I'll have you read just a paragraph or two of that.
4. **Cold reading.** The final step of the audition will be to cold read two excerpts from different kinds of books. I will take some notes during the audition and will pass comments to the people in Des Moines in hopes they can choose a project that will match the strengths of your voice.
5. **Volunteer application form.** The form is also posted on the website (in both WORD and as a .pdf file). Please fill out that form—either typing or by hand—and bring it with you when you come in for your audition.

## Pronunciation List for Narrator Audition

1. communiqué
2. decipher
3. inexorable
4. envoy
5. bubonic
6. harass
7. evangelical
8. contaminant
9. apostolic
10. reconciliation
11. acclimatize
12. Madrid, Iowa
13. vicissitudes
14. chrysanthemum
15. reciprocity
16. cliché
17. rationale
18. charismatic
19. niche
20. clientele
21. cuisine
22. dichotomy
23. carcinoma
24. entrepreneurial
25. emissary
26. ambivalence
27. bourgeois
28. sequestered
29. pejorative
30. euphemism
31. abominable
32. cinnamon
33. eccentricities
34. acquiesce
35. amenable
36. anachronism
37. obsequious
38. ophthalmologist
39. irrelevant
40. androgynous
41. regime
42. ecumenical
43. acronym
44. preventive
45. autonomy
46. epidemiology
47. imbroglia
48. divisive
49. recoup
50. Louisa County, Iowa
51. parameter
52. extradition
53. gazebo
54. recessionary
55. impotent
56. ideology
57. Nevada, Iowa
58. stalwart
59. unconscionable
60. fraught
61. convivial
62. cogent
63. adulation
64. per se
65. pinnacle
66. esophagus
67. inculcate
68. melee
69. unanimity
70. Allamakee County, Iowa
71. societal
72. espionage
73. protégé
74. echelon
75. vociferous
76. hallucinatory
77. amalgamation
78. maniacal
79. apostasy
80. cavalry
81. odiferous
82. manipulable
83. attaché
84. equivocal
85. paraphernalia
86. lambaste
87. Des Moines, Iowa
88. bacchanalian
89. ratio
90. meringue
91. panacea
92. coercion
93. scion
94. prodigious
95. poem
96. subliminal
97. vignette
98. sutured
99. Des Plaines, Illinois
100. bilateral

