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Pronunciation

Unit7 – Lesson2

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A ▶07-09 Listen. Read the pronunciation note.

Pronunciation of *-ate* endings

The *-ate* ending, as in *advocate* and *graduate*, is pronounced differently depending on whether the word is used as a verb, or as a noun or adjective. As a verb ending, *-ate* is pronounced /eit/: *to advocate* /ædvokeit/. As a noun or adjective ending, *-ate* is reduced to /ət/: *an advocate* /ædvokət/.

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B ▶07-10 Listen. Notice the pronunciation of *-ate* in the underlined words. Then listen and repeat.

-ate is /eɪt/
Citizen journalism fascinates me.
She's going to graduate soon.
They advocate for more objective news.

-ate is /ət/
Climate change is an immediate problem.
She's in graduate school.
He's an advocate of digital newspapers.



Play the audio. Have your Ss listen do the task. Check the answers and have them repeat chorally and individually.

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C ▶07-11 Listen. Circle the words where *-ate* is pronounced /ət/.

1. Why do we read social media news when it is known to exaggerate or be inaccurate?
2. Can we depend on social media companies to regulate inappropriate content?
3. How can checking alternate sources of a news story help you evaluate its truth?



Ask your students to make sentences using the phrases. Check their pronunciation and give feedback.

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Use the underlined words and make new sentences.



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