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Computer Vocabulary

Hi. I'm Marianne Raynaud. My goal is to help you perfect your spoken English. If you really want to speak English well, we suggest you start at the very beginning of our list of podcasts and work through them systematically. If you happen to be a high intermediate to advanced learner you can choose to do only the episodes intended for your level. We also recommend the *QualityTime-ESL Podcasts* to help you perfect your oral grammar. This particular podcast may be much too easy for you, but still we hope you enjoy it.

In a previous episode I spoke about a new trend I wanted to promote—language snobbism. The idea is to deliberately pronounce English words with the accepted UK or US pronunciation even when we are speaking other languages. In that way young people will not have to relearn the pronunciation of these words when they start studying English. They will already have heard them in their own language. The theme of this episode is computer related vocabulary. Let's get started.

Group 1 *(Proper nouns of companies and products—Notice that the first syllable is the one that bears the stress.)*

Listen and repeat.

FaceBook	**Microsoft**	**iPad**
Twitter	**Kindle**	**Windows**
Google	**Apple**	**Instagram**

Now I will say the first syllable, the one with the stress, and you will say the whole word putting the stress on the first syllable. Listen to the examples:

I say: Face   *I say: Twit*
You say: FaceBook   *You say: Twitter*

Now you go on in the say way.

Face	**Mi**	**i**
FaceBook	**Microsoft**	**iPad**
Twit	**Kin**	**Win**
Twitter	**Kindle**	**Windows**
Goo	**Ap**	**In**
Google	**Apple**	**Instagram**

Now onto another group. This time we will deal with computer vocabulary.

Group 2 *(Computer terms. Notice that the stress is always on the first syllable.)*

Here again by simply stressing the first syllable and pronouncing it correctly students will approach the authentic pronunciation. Listen and repeat.

bluetooth	**ac**cess	**cy**berspace
browser	**al**gorithm	**desk**top
driver	**blog**ger	**fol**der
ebook	**blo**gosphere	**hard**ware
operatin**g sys**tem	**band**width	**soft**ware
modem	**coo**kie	**net**work

Now I will say the first syllable, the one with the stress, and you will say the whole word we just practiced putting the stress on the first syllable. Be sure to speak before I give the answer. (See words above.)

Finally, the last set of words.

Group 3 (More computer terms. Notice that the stress is always on the first syllable.)

Listen and repeat.

freeware	**in**put	**pass**word	**down**load	**export**
shareware	**out**put	**stream**ing	**up**load	**scanner**
hypertext	**pi**racy	**tool**bar	**back**up	**smartphone**
multitasking	**pod**casting	**wi**ki	**im**port	**Wi-Fi**

In the final exercise I will again give the first syllable and you will say the complete word. Don't forget the stress on that first syllable. (See words above.)

That's the end of our podcast. Now when you use in your own language one of the words we worked on in this episode you will hopefully smile and pronounce it the English way. Who knows we could start a trend of "linguistic snobbism" to give credit to the language that created a word. Go to our website to get the script of this episode. To train even more try our other series "QualityTime-ESL" for oral grammar practice & "5 Minute TOPs" to have fun with quotes and song lyrics. Bye for now, and don't forget to keep smiling.