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MUCH of the discussion on the Speak Good English campaign revolves around grammatical errors and infiltration of slang, SMS texting and Singlish into the way we speak English.

One important point about speaking good English is correct pronunciation. How do

we normally learn to pronounce words? Probably from watching TV programmes, teachers, parents, friends, etc.

However, the authority on correct pronunciation is the dictionary. But the question is how many of us know how to decipher the symbols depicting consonants and vowels,

the main emphasis, secondary emphasis, etc? These are normally found in the first few pages of the dictionary.

I observed that schools do not teach this. If that is the case, how are students to know how to pronounce words correctly?

Notwithstanding the British and American pronunciations, enunciating correctly is an equally important part of speaking good English.

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