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### **Do you really like it?**

An anxious student of spoken English "confessed":

"I also like to stress on the wrong part of the word". What she means to say is that she habitually puts the primary word stress in the wrong place, not that she enjoys making that mistake.

Poor English: You always like pronouncing "three" as "tree"!

Standard (and polite) English: You are habitually pronouncing "three" as "tree". (Let me show you how to do it correctly.)

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