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The Routledge Dictionary of Pronunciation for Current English is the most up-to-date record of the pronunciation of British and American English. Based on research by a joint UK and US team of linguistics experts, this is a unique survey of how English is really spoken in the twenty-first century. This second edition has been fully revised to include: a full reappraisal of the pronunciation models for modern British and American English; 2,000 new entries, including new words from the last decade, encyclopedic terms and proper names; separate IPA transcriptions for British and American English for over 100,000 words; information on grammatical variants including plurals, comparative and superlative adjectives, and verb tenses. The most comprehensive dictionary of its type available, The Routledge Dictionary of Pronunciation for Current English is the essential reference for those interested in English pronunciation.

This guide to the language differences between the United States and United Kingdom is “a fascinating collection full of all kinds of surprises” (Minneapolis Star Tribune). Taxi rank . . . toad in the hole . . . dustman . . . fancy dress . . . American visitors to London (or viewers of British TV shows) might be confused by these terms. But most Britons would be equally puzzled by words like

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caboose, bleachers, and busboy. In *Divided by a Common Language*, Christopher Davies explains these expressions and discusses the many differences in pronunciation, spelling, and vocabulary between British and American English. He compares the customs, manners, and practical details of daily life in the United Kingdom and the United States, and American readers will enjoy his account of American culture as seen through an Englishman's eyes. Davies tops it off with an amusing list of expressions that sound innocent enough in one country but make quite the opposite impression in the other. Two large glossaries help travelers translate from one variety of English to the other, and additional lists explain the distinctive words of Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa. This delightful book is the ideal companion for travelers—or anyone who enjoys the many nuances of language.

Since its first publication in 1962, *Gimson's Pronunciation of English* has been the essential reference book for anyone studying or teaching the pronunciation of English. This eighth edition has been updated to describe General British (GB) as the principal accent, rather than RP, and the accompanying transcriptions have been brought into line with recent changes in pronunciation. This latest edition also includes completely rewritten chapters on the history of the language and the emergence of a standard, alongside a justification for the change from RP to

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GB. A further bonus to this important text is its extensive and attractive new Companion Website (www.routledge.com/cw/cruttenden), which now includes moment-by-moment commentaries on videos showing the articulation of all GB consonants and vowels in spoken phrases, as well as cross-referencing between the book and these videos. The Companion Website also includes new recordings of Old English, Middle English, and Early Modern English, and features links to recordings of recent and current GB with comments and transcriptions. Comprehensive yet accessible, Gimson's Pronunciation of English remains the indispensable reference book for anyone for anyone with an interest in English phonetics.

Accents of English is about the way English is pronounced by different people in different places. Volume 1 provides a synthesizing introduction, which shows how accents vary not only geographically, but also with social class, formality, sex and age; and in volumes 2 and 3 the author examines in greater depth the various accents used by people who speak English as their mother tongue: the accents of the regions of England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland (volume 2), and of the USA, Canada, the West Indies, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Black Africa and the Far East (volume 3). Each volume can be read independently, and together they form a major scholarly survey, of considerable

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originality, which not only includes descriptions of hitherto neglected accents, but also examines the implications for phonological theory. Readers will find the answers to many questions: Who makes 'good' rhyme with 'mood'? Which accents have no voiced sibilants? How is a Canadian accent different from an American one, a New Zealand one from an Australian one, a Jamaican one from a Barbadian one? What are the historical reasons for British-American pronunciation differences? What sound changes are currently in progress in New York, in London, in Edinburgh? Dr Wells his written principally for students of linguistics, phonetics and English language, but the motivated general reader will also find the study both fascinating and rewarding.

Australian English Pronunciation and Transcription is an essential resource, giving instruction in both phonetic and phonemic transcription.

The Cambridge Advanced Learner's Dictionary gives the vital support which advanced students need, especially with the essential skills: reading, writing, listening and speaking. In the book: * 170,000 words, phrases and examples * New words: so your English stays up-to-date * Colour headwords: so you can find the word you are looking for quickly * Idiom Finder * 200 'Common Learner Error' notes show how to avoid common mistakes * 25,000 collocations show the way words work together * Colour pictures: 16 full page colour pictures On the

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CD-ROM: * Sound: recordings in British and American English, plus practice tools to help improve pronunciation * UNIQUE! Smart Thesaurus helps you choose the right word * QUICKfind looks up words for you while you are working or reading on screen * UNIQUE! SUPERwrite gives on screen help with grammar, spelling and collocation when you are writing * Hundreds of interactive exercises

Get Rid of Your Accent
The English Pronunciation and Speech Training Manual
English After RP
Standard British Pronunciation Today
Springer
First published in 1990, this collection celebrates the life and work of Professor A. C. Gimson, four years after his untimely death in 1985. A. C. Gimson, Professor of Phonetics at University College London, 1966-83, was the most distinguished and influential phonetician of his day concentrating specifically on English speech. This collection of essays on phonetics and phonology of English- written by linguists from all over the world – celebrates his life and work. The work is divided into five sections: prosody; phonology and phonetic description; accents of English and RP; other accents of English (focusing on those non-native speakers); and phonostylistics. The twenty-eight chapters cover a very wide range of topics and the contributors offer a stimulating variety of approaches, with the emphasis on data-based objectivity. Balancing description and theory with

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application, this volume provides a serious and coherent contribution to the academic study of English pronunciation.

Over 9 chapters the course covers: - Pronunciation of all vowel and consonant sounds of English. - Spelling & sound relationship. - IPA (Phonetic symbols for sounds) - Structures (weak forms, joining) - Intonation (pattern and pitch).

Through studying the course, English learners will improve their spoken accuracy and develop more accurate listening skills. The model used in the course is RP (Received Pronunciation) sometimes known as 'BBC' English; a neutral everyday accent. The course is accompanied by 3 CDs with 200 audio files to practise with. There are dozens of drills, exercises and fun activities to take the student step by step to clear pronunciation.

The best-selling English Pronunciation in Use is a comprehensive reference and practice book suitable for self-study or classroom work. Sixty easy-to-use units cover all aspects of pronunciation, including individual sounds, word stress, connected speech and intonation. The versions with audio CDs include audio material in a range of accents, supporting each unit. An additional reference section offers a glossary of specialized terms, help with the pronunciation of numbers and geographical names and fun exercises on phonemic symbols and minimal pairs. The version with CD-ROM provides a wide variety of additional

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interactive activities to reinforce the pronunciation covered in the book, as well as tests, progress checks, games and animated diagrams of the mouth showing learners how to produce individual sounds. Learners can also record themselves and compare their pronunciation with one of the many models provided.

Do You Like the Way Your English Accent Sounds? How you sound in English matters. Research shows this very clearly. Native speakers judge people with clear, easy to understand accents as proficient in English (even if in reality they're only beginners). On the other hand, they judge people whose accents are hard to understand as being low-level (Even if they're

Seminar paper from the year 2011 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Linguistics, grade: 1,7, Free University of Berlin (Englische Philologie), language: English, abstract: The following essay will deal with pronunciation differences of varieties and will therefore regard different English accents and the phonology of those. In a nutshell, phonology deals with the “study of the selection and patterns of sounds in a single language” (Collins & Mees 2006:7). Since the term `accent` symbolizes the pronunciation and the term `phonology` stands for different sound patterns, it is not difficult to see the close link between both terms. More detailed information on phonology will be provided in the following. In order to categorize an English language further, one

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might also point out that several variations exist within the different varieties. These can, for instance, be of a social or regional nature and can occur between different varieties or within them (Collins & Mees 2006:2). Concerning the latter, the speakers do, nevertheless, have mutual core features by which they can be classified as a group of speakers. “An accent, in phonological terms, is an idealized system which speakers of that variety share” (McMahon 2002:93). This idealized version is perceived as the standard version. This also helps to produce a categorization of types of differences between accents (McMahon 2002:93). In the following it will be argued that the phonology of English varieties can differ in four ways. Firstly, to create a basic understanding, the essay will shortly deal with the terminology around phonology. Then the possible general phonological differences between varieties will be explained. Subsequently, the essay will spotlight the differences in the phonology of the North American Standard English in comparison to the British Standard English. Lastly, a short conclusion will be given.

This book is a practical, comprehensive tool for busy teachers or educators teaching English pronunciation. Brown puts pronunciation into perspective with other aspects of language, highlighting the importance of teaching pronunciation from the start. Applicable for both British and American pronunciation, this book

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is organized by aspects of pronunciation and includes a wealth of photocopiable worksheets to use in the classroom. The engaging exercises include rhymes, games, puzzles, narratives, and more, all designed to promote learner engagement and understanding. Each worksheet is accompanied by supplementary resources and guidance, including recommendations for modifying lessons for different English learner proficiency levels; instructions for the teacher and learners; correct or expected answers; and tips for teachers to extend and create their own exercises. The versatility and adaptability of this book make it a beneficial resource for teachers of ESL/EFL/EAL, as well as educational professionals who consult and oversee teacher trainer programs and courses in TESOL.

This book focuses on an increasingly attractive, yet controversial topic of non-native accentedness in speech. The contributors here are aware of the fact that the mechanisms and effects of pronunciation are far too complex to allow for strong and definite claims of any sort, but present research leading to useful answers to relevant questions. The book contributes to the deeper understanding of many aspects of foreign-accented English with reference to clearly described empirical evidence. The volume brings together fourteen chapters organized into four subdivisions, covering conceptual and perceptual issues, questions of

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segmental and suprasegmental pronunciation features, and methodological and didactic recommendations. As such, it provides a cross-sectional view of the current phonetic and didactic empirical research into the pronunciation of non-native English.

It's not what you say, it's the way that you say it ... There have long been debates about 'correct' pronunciation in the English language, and Britain's most distinguished linguistic expert, David Crystal, is here to set the record straight. *Sounds Appealing* tells us exactly why, and how, we pronounce words as we do. Pronunciation is integral to communication, and is tailored to meet the demands of the two main forces behind language: intelligibility and identity. Equipping his readers with knowledge of phonetics, linguistics and physiology - with examples ranging from Eliza Doolittle to Winston Churchill - David Crystal explores the origins of regional accents, how they are influenced by class and education, and how their peculiarities have changed over time. Addressed to an educated user of English, the book, together with a set of two audio cassettes, offers a 'Teach Your-self' course in the pronunciation of English words. Written in a non-technical language, it contains considerable amount of practice materials too. Part I deals with important facts about the pronunciation of English words and the principal attributes of good speech; Part II contains a pronouncing dictionary of some 2,500 commonly used, but often mispronounced, words of English and about 60 foreign words and phrases often used in English. The selection of the words and

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phrases is based partly on research and partly on the authors' long experience. This book concisely describes ways in which today's standard British English speech differs from the upper-class accent of the last century, Received Pronunciation, which many now find old-fashioned or even comic. In doing so it provides a much-needed update to the existing RP-based descriptions by which the sound system of British English is still known to many around the world. The book opens with an account of the rise and fall of RP, before turning to a systematic analysis of the phonetic developments between RP and contemporary Standard Southern British (SSB) in vowels, consonants, stress, connected speech and intonation. Topics covered include the anti-clockwise vowel shift, the use of glottal stops, 'intrusive r', vocal fry and Uptalk. It concludes with a Mini Dictionary of well over 100 words illustrating the changes described throughout the book, and provides a chart of updated IPA vowel symbols. This book is an essential resource for anyone interested in British pronunciation and sound change, including academics in phonetics, phonology, applied linguistics and English language; trainers of English teachers; English teachers themselves; teachers of voice and accent coaches; and students in those areas.

English Phonetics and Pronunciation Practice provides a unique introduction to basic articulatory phonetics for students of English. Built around an extensive collection of practice materials, this book teaches the pronunciation of modern standard non-regional British English to intermediate and advanced learners worldwide. This book:

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provides an up-to-date description of the pronunciation of modern British English; demonstrates the use of each English phoneme with a selection of high-frequency words, both alone and in context in sentences, idiomatic phrases and dialogues; provides examples and practice material on commonly confused sounds, including illustrative pronunciation diagrams; is supported by a companion website featuring phonetic transcriptions and over 30 hours of practice audio material to check your pronunciation against; can be used not only for studying pronunciation in the classroom but also for independent student practice. English Phonetics and Pronunciation Practice is essential reading for any student studying this topic.

Updated edition with 200 new information panels, colour headwords and unique CD-ROM. With more than 80,000 entries and 220,000 pronunciations, Cambridge English Pronouncing Dictionary is the ultimate guide to English pronunciation. Thousands of pronunciations not shown in general dictionaries are included, from people and places, to words from science, technology and literature, such as Beckham, Eminem, Google, Prozac. PLEASE NOTE: This CD-ROM is not compatible with Windows Vista. Please see the new 17th edition for a Vista-compatible version (ISBN: 9780521680875)

This book offers contemporary perspectives on English pronunciation teaching and research in the context of increasing multilingualism and English as an international language. It reviews current theory and practice in pronunciation pedagogy, language learning, language assessment, and technological developments, and presents an

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expanded view of pronunciation in communication, education, and employment. Its eight chapters provide a comprehensive and up-to-date analysis of pronunciation and the linguistic and social functions it fulfils. Topics include pronunciation in first and second language acquisition; instructional approaches and factors impacting teachers' curriculum decisions; methods for assessing pronunciation; the use of technology for pronunciation teaching, learning, and testing; pronunciation issues of teachers who are second-language speakers; and applications of pronunciation research and pedagogy in L1 literacy and speech therapy, forensic linguistics, and health, workplace, and political communication. The chapters also critically examine the research base supporting specific teaching approaches and identify research gaps in need of further investigation. This rigorous work will provide an invaluable resource for teachers and teacher educators; in addition to researchers in the fields of applied linguistics, phonology and communication.

Advanced English Pronunciation has been designed to meet the needs of foreign language learners with at least upper-intermediate proficiency (CEFR level B2) who want not only to improve their pronunciation, but also to acquire a solid understanding of the rules and rationale of English pronunciation. University students who are considering a career in teaching as well as practising English teachers who wish to perfect their pronunciation will appreciate the value of this dual objective. Key Features:

- The twenty recorded lessons with worksheets are suitable for self-study (ideally with a

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computer) or group work with a teacher (in a language lab). · Each lesson is designed to last approximately 50 minutes. · The book is divided into four parts, addressing all major aspects of English pronunciation - rhythm and weak forms, word stress, spelling-pronunciation rules, intonation and linking. · The characteristic rhythm of English, an important but often neglected aspect of pronunciation, is dealt with right from the start, in the first three lessons. · Basic work on intonation is integrated into each lesson and then reviewed and expanded upon in the final two lessons. · Seven different native English speakers from England have been used for the recordings, representing standard, educated varieties of British English as spoken by people whose origins range from Bournemouth on the south coast to Carlisle near the Scottish border. · An innovative exercise design allows the learner to evaluate his or her knowledge as the exercise is carried out. The learner is able to quickly assess which points he or she must continue to work on as well as which points he or she has mastered. · The exercises are varied and designed to promote active learning. · Brief musical interludes consisting of original recordings by clarinet and cello signal the beginning of each exercise.

Compiled by a team of linguistics experts, this is a comprehensive pronunciation dictionary which gives phonetic transcriptions using the International Phonetic Alphabet for the rendering of words and proper names in both British and American English. This book updates the latest research in the field of 'English pronunciation', providing

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readers with a number of original contributions that represent trends in the field. Topics include sociophonetic or sound-symbolic aspects of pronunciation English pronunciation teaching and learning.

Reduce your accent when pronouncing English, with the expertise from an acclaimed specialist in the area Developed by acclaimed speech consultant and accent specialist Susan Cameron, *Perfecting Your English Pronunciation* features her successful method, which focuses on the anatomical placement of sound and on the musculature used in articulation. Where other accent reduction/English pronunciation products rely on solely mimicking of audio sounds, this work focuses visually, audibly, and narratively on the physical ability to speak English, noting that many sounds of English may be difficult for you because some tongue positions used in English may not be used in your native language. The 45-minute DVD introduces you to mouth and jaw exercises to prepare you for English, then demonstrates mouth formations and tongue placement using other nonnative speakers like you. You will see and hear how English sounds--enabling you to become more and more comfortable conversing with native English speakers as you go through the program.

Adopting a central theme of variability, the book explores different aspects of native and non-native accents of English. The dominating perspective is that of a non-native speaker, although as argued by some contributors the very distinction between native and non-native English may need to be redefined. As the debate on the pronunciation

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of English as a lingua franca continues, this volume presents well-focused studies investigating the acquisition and use of the sound system by native and non-native speakers, problems with the choice and variability in pronunciation models and pedagogical aspects of pronunciation instruction. The issue of accents calls for a comprehensive approach; this book aims to provide such a broad perspective, based on expertise and experience of the contributors, who are specialist in linguistics, applied linguistics, phonetics, phonology and ESL. The book is divided into three parts. Part one discusses complex conditioning of production and perception of native and non-native accents. It contains acoustic and auditory studies investigating the effect of such independent variables as identity, L1 or contextual factors on the elements of the sound system. Part two links the accent variability studies to the pedagogical context by presenting problems with the pronunciation model, its choice and variability. The main focus of part three is on pronunciation teaching: papers presented in this section report on the methods and results of phonetic instruction in different settings.

This book will tell all you need to know about British English spelling. It's a reference work intended for anyone interested in the English language, especially those who teach it, whatever the age or mother tongue of their students. It will be particularly useful to those wishing to produce well-designed materials for teaching initial literacy via phonics, for teaching English as a foreign or second language, and for teacher training. English spelling is notoriously complicated and difficult to learn; it is correctly

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described as much less regular and predictable than any other alphabetic orthography. However, there is more regularity in the English spelling system than is generally appreciated. This book provides, for the first time, a thorough account of the whole complex system. It does so by describing how phonemes relate to graphemes and vice versa. It enables searches for particular words, so that one can easily find, not the meanings or pronunciations of words, but the other words with which those with unusual phoneme-grapheme/grapheme-phoneme correspondences keep company. Other unique features of this book include teacher-friendly lists of correspondences and various regularities not described by previous authorities, for example the strong tendency for the letter-name vowel phonemes (the names of the letters) to be spelt with those single letters in non-final syllables.

Seminar paper from the year 2004 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Linguistics, grade: 2, University of Wurzburg (Anglistik und Amerikanistik), course: Sociolinguistics, 25 entries in the bibliography, language: English, comment: This seminar paper is about linguistic variations Scottish English has in contrast to Standard English concerning pronunciation, grammar and vocabulary as well as it deals with the history of Scottish English and attitudes which Scottish English perceives from society., abstract: This seminar paper is about linguistic variations Scottish English has in contrast to Standard English concerning pronunciation, grammar and vocabulary as well as it deals with the history of Scottish English and attitudes which Scottish English

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perceives from society."

A working basis Talking about consonants Talking about vowels Talking about setting, intonation and others features of connected speech Error analysis: Dutch speakers' problems.

The Handbook of English Pronunciation presents a comprehensive exploration of English pronunciation with essential topics for applied linguistics researchers and teachers, including language acquisition, varieties of English, historical perspectives, accent's changing role, and connections to discourse, technology, and pedagogy. Provides thorough descriptions of all elements of English pronunciation Features contributions from a global list of authors, reflecting the finest scholarship available Explores a careful balance of issues and topics important to both researchers and teachers Provides a historical understanding of the importance of pronunciation and examines some of the major ways English is pronounced today throughout the world Considers practical concerns about how research and practice interact in teaching pronunciation in the classroom

Varied vocabulary tests with answers; new to the popular English Vocabulary in Use series. Varied vocabulary tests with answers; new to the popular English Vocabulary in Use series.

Seminar paper from the year 2013 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Linguistics, grade: 2,0, Free University of Berlin (Institut für Englische

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Philologie), course: Levels of Linguistic Analysis II, language: English, abstract: Regarding the English language, there are wide variations in pronunciation, including dialects or accents due to differences within the age, the gender, or the geographical origin of the speaker. But there are also variations that are defined as standard pronunciation. Two of them, concerning the English language, are known as the Received Pronunciation (RP), which presents the Standard British accent, and the General American accent (GA), which presents the standard pronunciation in North America. Nowadays those variations face the people amongst others by the spoken media, like television or radio. Especially English learners who were, or still are predominantly confronted with the British English Pronunciation due to their academic education tend to have an issue with the unfamiliar General American pronunciation. To illustrate the differences between the General American accent and the Received Pronunciation in British English, this paper dwells on the individual parts that finally form a specific pronunciation type: The differences within the vowel and consonant system, as well the differences within the articulation with focus on the stress of syllables.

Audio recordings of English are available from the first half of the twentieth century and thus complement the written data sources for the recent history of the language. This book is the first to bring together a team of globally recognised scholars to document and analyse these early recordings in a single volume. Looking at examples of regional

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varieties of English from England, Scotland, Ireland, the USA, Canada and other anglophone countries, the volume explores both standard and vernacular varieties, and demonstrates how accents of English have changed between the late nineteenth century and the present day. The socio-phonetic examinations of the recordings will be of interest to scholars of historical linguistics, the history of the English language, language variation and change, phonetics, and phonology.

British English Phonetic Transcription provides an accessible introduction to phonemic, phonetic and intonational transcription with a focus on British English. Featuring exercises, revision tasks and recordings to help students gain hands-on practice, the book takes a learning-by-doing approach and ensures students gain practice using each new symbol or concept introduced before moving on to the next. Consisting of three parts, the book covers: transcribing individual words, including consonants, vowels, primary stress, secondary stress, syllabic consonants and inflections; transcribing phrases and sentences, including liaison, weak forms, elision and assimilation; transcribing intonation, including the structure of English intonation and recognising pitch patterns. Ideally suited as a standalone workbook or for use alongside American English Phonetic Transcription, British English Phonetic Transcription is key reading for undergraduate students of linguistics as well as anyone teaching or learning English as a foreign language.

Cromosys Publication's English Voice Accent and Pronunciation book is an optimal

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quality guide to the beginners as well as advanced learners to gain real knowledge of Accent, Voice Modulation and English Diction. It is an unmatched unique book of its kind that guarantees your improvement on your speech. The lessons and study materials uniquely designed are based on my fifteen years of research in linguistic field. The text, audio and video are magnificently powerful to bring you into the light of the phonology. Since English is accepted as a global language, the people around the world have been sharpening their knowledge to be good in it. Sometimes, only working knowledge of it doesn't work, and you feel that there is a lot more to explore. The accurate and profound knowledge of this language, which was considered to be existing only in England and America in past, has influenced zillions of mind today, therefore I conceived the idea of making this book a guideline for those who want to be perfect in English Pronunciation.

A systematic and thorough introduction to the pronunciation of English for use by intermediate and more advanced students.

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