

## Modern mis-Pronunciations

To a pedant like me, it can be quite offensive to hear words being pronounced in new ways. Research is the biggest offender; the word is *research* not *research* – which means ‘to look again’. However, I argue against myself. As English is the International aeronautical and maritime language, and an official language of the United Nations and the International Olympic Committee, and the third most used World language after Mandarin and Spanish, it is hardly surprising that variations in pronunciation are evident.

*August* vv *august*

*adversary*

*antimony*

*caravan*

*charade* (*aid*)

*combatants*

*countryside*

*decade*

*fiancée*

*harassment*

*Inverness*

*jubilee*

*kedgeree*

*Maurice*

*provocateur*

*repaired*

*research*

*respite*

*Westminster* vv *Westminster*