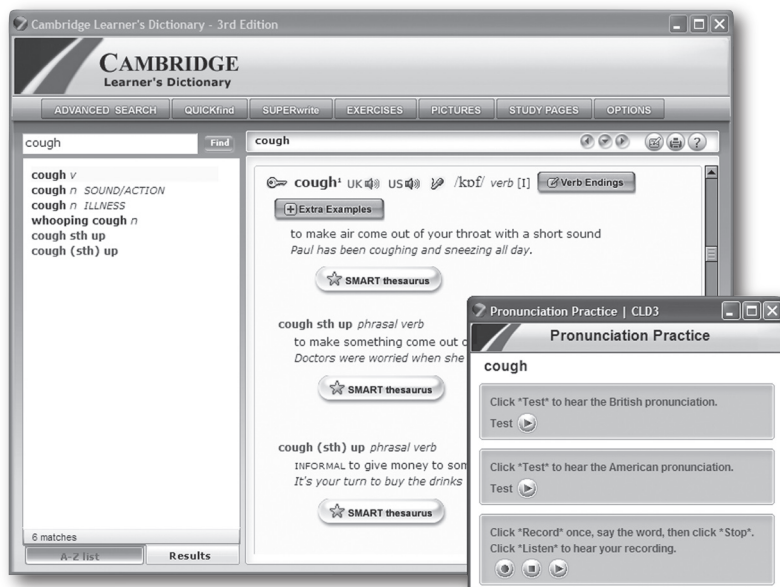


Practising your pronunciation using the CD-ROM

The **Cambridge Learner's Dictionary CD-ROM** includes a recording of the **pronunciation of every word** in the dictionary. After every headword there are two loudspeaker buttons: a red one for British English pronunciation **UK** and a blue one for American English pronunciation **US**. If your computer has a microphone, you can also practise your own pronunciation by recording yourself and listening back. Click on the microphone button to do this.

A. Here are some words which are often difficult to pronounce for students. Say them first and then listen to the model pronunciation on the CD-ROM. Try using the microphone button to record your pronunciation and listen back.

1. cough
2. through
3. dough
4. enough
5. rough
6. tough
7. bread
8. read (verb)
9. dread
10. thread



B. Read the following sentences and use the CD-ROM to check whether the words in italics are pronounced in the same way or not.

1. Thierry had always been a bit of a *rebel* and loved to *rebel* against his parents and teachers.
2. I always used to buy *records*, but now it's CDs all the time – they're great. I guess most artists *record* their albums for CD now.
3. Sue and Kieran have one daughter *aged* three. There's a charity to help the *aged* in our town.
4. It was good to get some fresh *air* after our long flight. I like *air* travel, but long-haul flights are tiring.
5. I *live* in the south of Spain. Last week there was an open-air *live* rock concert in our town.
6. She's an excellent *ally* to have at work. I'm glad I decided to *ally* myself with her!
7. It's up to you which *alternative* you decide on. I will make *alternative* arrangements if you do decide to sell this house.
8. Our offices were *converted* from an old flour mill. I used not to like the idea of old buildings being changed to accommodate new things, but I'm a total *convert* now!

