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Make a phonemic (broad) transcription of the following passage:

I've just come back from a short trip to the Italian region of Umbria (pronounced 'umbria in Italian but 'ʌmbriə in English), where I visited some very interesting towns: Spoleto, with its majestic cathedral of S. Maria Assunta; Deruta, known for its ceramics, which are exported worldwide; San Gemini, famous for its mineral waters; and Perugia, the capital city of the region.

On my way home yesterday, I started wondering how many pronunciations of Perugia are possible in RP. Well, apart from the very common pə'ru:ɪdʒə, other variants include pɪ'ru:ɪdʒə, pe-, -'ru:ɪdʒiə, even pə'ru:ɪdʒɑ: (GenAm), according to EPD – even though that sounds quite odd to me!

But what about pə'ru:ɪdʒə? This transcription is obviously wrong, although it's what you find in both the Oxford BBC Guide to Pronunciation (2006, p.294) and the Oxford Dictionary of English (2006, 2nd edition, p.1316).



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pə'ru:dʒə?

aɪn dʒʌst ,kʌm 'bæk frəm ə 'ʃɔ:t 'trɪp tə ði ɪ'tæljən 'ri:dʒən ən 'ʌmbriə (prə'naʊnst 'u:mbriə
ɪn ɪ'tæljən), weər aɪ 'vɪzɪtɪd səm 'veri 'ɪntrəstɪŋ 'taʊnz: spə'leɪtəʊ, wɪð its mə'dʒestɪk
kə'θi:drəl ən 'sæntə mə'rɪə ə'sʌntə; deɪ'ru:tə, 'nəʊn fər its sə'ræmɪks, wɪtʃ əɪk'spɔ:tɪd
wɜ:ld'waɪd; ,sæn 'dʒeməni, 'feɪməs fər its 'mɪnərəl 'wɔ:təz; əm pə'ru:dʒə, ðə ,kæpəʃl 'sɪti
ən ðə 'ri:dʒən.

ən maɪ wei 'həʊm 'jestədeɪ, aɪ 'stɑ:tɪd 'wʌndərɪŋ 'haʊ 'meni prə,nʌnsi'eɪfɪŋz ən 'pə'ru:dʒə'
ə 'pʊsəbəl ɪn ,ɑ: 'pɪz. wel, ə'pɑ:t frəm ðə 'veri 'kɒmən pə'ru:dʒə, 'lðə 'veəriənts ɪŋ'klu:d
pɪ'ru:dʒə, pe-ænd -'ru:dʒiə. ,ɪz pɪz 'di: 'ɔ:lsəʊ 'hæz pə'ru:dʒaɪ, 'ðəʊ 'ðæts 'ma:kt
,dʒenərəl ə'merɪkən.

bət wɒt ə'baʊt pə'ru:dʒə? 'ðɪs træn'skrɪpʃn ɪz 'ɒbvɪəsli 'rʌŋ, ɔ:l'ðəʊ its 'wɒt jə 'faɪnd ɪm
'bəʊθ ði 'bɒksfəd ,bi: bi: 'sɪz 'gɑ:ɪd tə prə,nʌnsi'eɪfɪŋ ('peɪdʒ tu: ,hʌndrəd ən ,naɪnti 'fɔ:ɪ) ən ði
'bɒksfəd 'dɪkʃənri ən 'ɪŋɡlɪʃ ('peɪdʒ wʌn ,θəʊzɪŋ θri: ,hʌndrəd ən sɪk'stɪ:ŋ).

