

Accent English Sounds Of American Speech For Greek Speakers

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 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.

Is American English in decline? Are regional dialects dying out? Is there a difference between men and women in how they adapt to linguistic variations? These questions, and more, about our language catapulted Robert MacNeil and William Cran—the authors (with Robert McCrum) of the language classic *The Story of English*—across the country in search of the answers. *Do You Speak American?* is the tale of their discoveries, which provocatively show how the standard for American English—if a standard exists—is changing quickly and dramatically. On a journey that takes them from the Northeast, through Appalachia and the Deep South, and west to California, the authors observe everyday verbal interactions and in a host of interviews with native speakers glean the linguistic quirks and traditions characteristic of each area. While examining the histories and controversies surrounding both written and spoken American English, they address anxieties and assumptions that, when explored, are highly emotional, such as the growing influence of Spanish as a threat to American English and the special treatment of African-American vernacular English. And, challenging the purists who think grammatical standards are in serious deterioration and that media saturation of our culture is homogenizing our speech, they surprise us with unpredictable responses. With insight and wit, MacNeil and Cran bring us a compelling book that is at once a celebration and a potent study of our singular language. Each wave of immigration has brought new words to enrich the American language. Do you recognize the origin of 1. blunderbuss, sleigh, stoop, coleslaw, boss, waffle? Or 2. dumb, ouch, shyster, check, kaput, scam, bumper? Or 3. phooey, pastrami, glitch, kibbitz, schnozzle? Or 4. broccoli, espresso, pizza, pasta, macaroni, radio? Or 5. smithereens, lollapalooza, speakeasy, hooligan? Or 6. vamoose, chaps, stampede, mustang, ranch, corral? 1. Dutch 2. German 3. Yiddish 4. Italian 5. Irish 6. Spanish

Since its initial publication, *English with an Accent* has provoked debate and controversy within classrooms through its in-depth scrutiny of American attitudes towards language. Rosina Lippi-Green discusses the ways in which discrimination based on accent functions to support and perpetuate social structures and unequal power relations. This second edition has been reorganized and revised to include: new dedicated chapters on Latino English and Asian American English discussion questions, further reading, and suggested classroom exercises, updated examples from the classroom, the judicial system, the media, and corporate culture a discussion of the long-term implications of the Ebonics debate a brand-new companion website with a glossary of key terms and links to audio, video, and images relevant to the each chapter's content. *English with an Accent* is essential reading for students with interests in attitudes and discrimination towards language.

American Accent Training Book

Mastering the American Accent with Online Audio

Overcoming Major Obstacles to Understanding

Neutral American Dialect

A Textbook and Reference Manual on Teaching the Pronunciation of North American English, Written Specifically for Teachers of English as a Second Language (ESL)

Did you know, you can improve your accent by changing how you say just one word in English? Learn how with this detailed book. Illustrations, videos and detailed explanations of accent error patterns and American pronunciation give you everything you need to understand and implement the SMART American Accent Training method. You'll change much more than just one word and get the tools you need to improve your American accent.

Engineering your accent is easy. You just need the right framework. The traditional view is that improving an accent is hard. If you want to sound like a native speaker, you must grow up around the language or work on it actively for years. Sometimes it even takes a lifetime of practice before you get rid of your accent. But this is wrong. If you take a first principles approach and start with sounds instead of individual words, you can engineer an American accent (or any accent!) in as little as 10 weeks. Engineer Your Accent walks you through each step of the process, covering both the theory of accent engineering and the practice of actually adjusting your accent so you sound virtually indistinguishable from a native speaker. You'll never look at your accent the same way again after reading this book. You'll also have what you need to confidently engineering your accent so you sound like a local no matter where you grew up.

Provides a clear, thorough description of the sound system of English Includes practical ideas for overcoming common pronunciation problems Looks at the specific problems that speakers of fifteen different languages have when speaking English Describes a number of classroom techniques to help improve pupils' pronunciation written by leading classroom practitioners Suitable for both trainee ESL teachers on Master's TESOL courses and for new and experienced practising teachers

Longman Dictionary of American English 5 Paper and Online (HE)

American Accent Training

Engineer Your Accent

Manual of American English Pronunciation

Teaching American English Pronunciation

Accent English

Detailed instructional manual with extensive embedded audio for every sound in Neutral American English, by a leading author, speech pathologist, and theatre speech and dialect coach. Includes information on stress, intonation, and rhythm as well as sounding natural. Appropriate for both ESL and native speakers of English with a regional dialect. Written and spoken instructions for creating the American sounds provided. Whether you're looking for accent modification, accent reduction, or learning an American accent, this manual with audio is right for you. Listen to the instructions, then listen and repeat words and sentences for every sound of American English. Additional practice material included. Includes suggestions for focusing your practice depending on where you are from.

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.

New and expanded third edition of American Accent Training with 5 new audio CDs has four all-new chapters that cover the psychology of accent acquisition, American voice quality, a pronunciation overview, and an ESL instructor's guide. The new CDs feature professional male and female voices that have been carefully selected to represent that perfect American accent. With 30 years of extensive research, the unique AAT methodology has been refined to teach the American sound quickly and easily, paying special attention to: -- Voice quality, with emphasis on accurate presentation of the authentic American sound -- Pronunciation, with attention to all vowels, consonants, blends, and diphthongs -- Intonation, which focuses on syllable stress rules and word stress in a sentence -- Linking, or liaisons between phonetically transcribed sounds so students can "see" the sound.

Improve Your Spoken English and Pronunciation

Fast Fluent English

Phonological Differences between Southern Standard British English and General American Sounds of American Speech

Exercises for Accent Reduction

The Atlas of North American English

The Fifth Edition of Longman Dictionary of American English is the key to vocabulary building! Now with the full contents online, plus online Thesaurus and Vocabulary Checker. Clear and comprehensive 109,000 words, meanings and phrases, including words from the Academic Word List 59,000 example sentences, showing thousands of academic words and collocations Clear definitions written using the Longman American Defining Vocabulary of just 2,000 common words Words for content areas such as Science and Social Studies The key to vocabulary building Collocation boxes show combination of words that are often used together, such as strong interest, highly successful, and take a test Integrated Thesaurus explains thousands of synonyms and antonyms 3,000 etymologies explain the origin of words -15,000 etymologies online Learner's Handbook on Writing, Collocations and Grammar Workbook exercises for self-study and classroom use Entire contents online Pronunciation of all the words and example sentences, and pronunciation practice Longman Vocabulary Checker: find out which type of vocabulary is used in the text you are reading and which words you should learn Thesaurus: choose the right word and build your vocabulary Topic Vocabulary: find all the words you need to write about common topics such as Describing Places, Technology, Sports and Relationships Academic Study Center with interactive exercises for vocabulary, reading and writing, and exam

practice for TOEFL

A great training tool for classroom or for personal use! In recent years, Barron's American Accent Training has gained wide respect as a self-teaching program, but more and more speech trainers, teachers, and speech therapists report that they are also using it as a valuable teaching tool in their speech classes. This new edition now comes with downloadable audio. The program goes where no American accent training tool has gone before, providing highly innovative instruction for both students and business people. The structure of the book has been reorganized, offering students a much more clear and direct sequence of lessons and a path to better understanding. The downloadable audio component features professional male and female voices that have been carefully selected to represent authentic American pronunciation and intonation. Pronunciation exercises encompass all vowel sounds, consonants, blends, and diphthongs. Emphasis on linking, or phonetically transcribed sound liaisons, help students "see" the correct sounds. Designed for foreign-born students and business people working, traveling, or studying in the United States and Canada. Supplementary materials include detailed nationality guides for 11 languages (Chinese, Japanese, Indian, Spanish, French, German, Russian, Korean, Arabic, the U.S. Southern accent, and African languages). More valuable features include access to a comprehensive website, and referral to a qualified telephone analyst for an individual diagnostic speech analysis.

Want to annihilate, destroy, crush, even eliminate your Russian accent in English? This amazing guide is for Russians at an advanced level in English, and their teachers, tutors and coaches. For the first time, Peggy Tharpe, M.A.TESOL, shares her teaching secrets and strategies that help Russian speakers greatly improve their sound in English. Her methods are effective, efficient, and one-of-a-kind. If your first language is Russian and you're ready to get rid of that accent and sound more natural when you speak English, open up this book and get started. You'll find online resources, videos and practice exercises that Peggy walks you through, that will help you conquer the little (and a couple of big) issues that give you a Russian accent in English. If you're an ESL or EFL teacher or tutor, join the rest of us and find out how Peggy works her magic!

American English Pronunciation

How to Eliminate Your Accent to Sound More American

Dialects and Variation

The American Accent Guide

**A Guide to Speaking and Pronouncing American English for Everyone Who Speaks English As a Second Language
Sounds of American English**

Envision the ability to present a contract or proposal to your colleagues and not worrying about how you sound, confident in knowing that you've effectively masked your accent and how everyone is listening to you. With this guide, you'll learn the easiest ways to sound more like a native speaker and dramatically improve the way you sound.

Improve Your American English Accent McGraw Hill Professional

Improve Your Spoken English and Pronunciation: American Accent for Success in Business This comprehensive instructional workbook comes with SEVEN HOURS OF FREE, DOWNLOADABLE AUDIO. The course is designed to teach foreign-born students and professionals already functioning in English how to speak clearly, correctly, and confidently. The book provides detailed instruction on the pronunciation of all of the sounds of standard American English. Extensive exercises include contrast pairs (to help speakers distinguish between sounds), along with business vocabulary words and sentences, workplace dialogues, and common idiomatic expressions. Key pronunciation rules are explained. Numerous opportunities are provided to refine intonation and inflection, minimize nervousness, and develop a natural American speech pattern. Included in the book is a guide to the most problematic sounds for non-native speakers, organized by 22 first languages. The free audio download in convenient MP3 format includes instruction and all of the workbook exercises, taught by the author.

Philippine Speech Manual of English Sounds

Improve Your American English Accent (3 Cds)

American English

Sounds of American Speech for Russian Speakers/4 Cassetts

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Sounds of American English : English Sounds Made Easy for Vietnamese Speakers

Teaches foreign speakers of English the sounds of American speech with precise instructions how to form the sounds through training of the mechanics and training the ear to hear the sounds. Uses a mirror, pictures and drawings of mouth positions and audio tapes with drills of sounds, phrases, words and sentences

This is the 3rd edition of the world-acclaimed The American Accent Guide. The American Accent Guide provides comprehensive training on the standard American accent. The materials for this program consist of a book and accompanying streaming audio. The book provides a link and an access code for the audio, which can then be streamed on any digital device. The methods and principles of this program are based on the belief that an efficient way to become a clear and effective speaker in a non-native language is to gain an understanding of the phonology (sound system) of that language. The American Accent Guide addresses the entire sound system of American English and gives thorough attention to each of its elements. These elements are: Intonation Stress Rhythm Individual vowel sounds Individual consonant sounds The program found in The American Accent Guide addresses each of these elements through a variety of engaging, interactive exercises that use everyday language in situations ranging from casual to technical and from informal to professional. The American Accent Guide is divided into eight sections, each of which contains its own numbering sequence and audio. Each section addresses a complete and distinct aspect of the American accent, so the student can potentially study each part

independently. Although each section is complete in and of itself, exercises do reinforce skills addressed in previous sections. This makes studying the program in the order presented the most effective way to both understand the concepts and practice and improve one's accent. By the end of the course, learners will possess a clear idea of how to process the American accent and have the basic speaking tools required to express it. They will also be prepared to continue building their accent skills through purposeful listening to the way that native speakers of American English communicate. Who is The American Accent Guide for? Typical users of The American Accent Guide include universities, colleges, language schools, speech-language pathologists, ESL instructors, and individual learners. The program is appropriate for students representing all foreign language backgrounds, given that they possess at least a low-intermediate command of the English language. The Approach The American Accent Guide introduces the elements of American English speech in the most logical sequence, integrating each of them into natural contexts. It takes a highly complex accent system and makes it easy to understand. While practicing new speech patterns, the learner gains awareness of the underlying rules of the American English sound system. These insights facilitate continued improvement and increased fluency in standard American English. The Dialect The dialect used in The American Accent Guide is standard American English, sometimes referred to as "General American." This accent is heard widely throughout parts of the United States and Canada; it is the preferred standard in North American news media and movies. Exercises in The American Accent Guide reflect the communication style of American culture, and they incorporate common idioms and colloquialisms used frequently in everyday situations. The Audio The American Accent Guide is accompanied by clear audio featuring a mix of male and female speakers of standard American English. Audio track markers are easily located in small circles throughout the text. The entire book is available in audio form, and the program can be followed using the audio independently should the student wish to use it that way. Changes to the New Edition This new 3rd edition of The American Accent Guide builds upon the successes of the previous editions. It includes revisions with new ideas, more exercises, and a new, expanded section on the topic of word stress."

Lose Your Accent in 28 Days is the powerful, proven system that will help the learner master American English pronunciation in weeks not months or years. This system features an interactive CD-ROM that shows you exactly how to pronounce EVERY vowel and consonant through hundreds of video clips. The Audio CD includes over 70 minutes of material on rhythm, stress, and everyday speech patterns. The book offers 80 techniques for better pronunciation. In all, the system offers 956 guided examples. Written by world-renowned accent reduction expert, Judy Ravin.

Get Rid of Your Accent

American Accent Training: With Downloadable Audio

Pronunciation Pages

How to Say "The" in the American Accent

Perfecting Your English Pronunciation

Easy and Effective Accent Reduction For Professionals Seeking Perfect American Accent and English Pronunciation

Publisher's Note: Products purchased from Third Party sellers are not guaranteed by the publisher for quality, authenticity, or access to any online entitlements included with the product. Mastering the American Accent is an easy-to-follow approach for reducing the accent of non-native speakers of English. Well-sequenced lessons in the book correspond over eight hours of audio files covering the entire text. The audio program provides clear models (both male and female) to help coach a standard American accent. The program is designed to help users speak Standard American English with clarity, confidence, and accuracy. The many exercises in the book concentrate on topics such as vowel sounds, problematic consonants such as V, W, TH, the American R and T and others. Correct lip and tongue positions for all sounds are discussed in detail. Beyond the production of sounds, the program provides detailed instruction in prosodic elements such as syllable stress, emphasis, intonation, linking words for smoother speech flow, common word contractions, and much more. Additional topics that often confuse ESL students are also discussed and explained. They include distinguishing between casual and formal speech, homophones (e.g., they're and there), recognizing words with silent letters (e.g., comb, receipt), and avoiding embarrassing pronunciation mistakes, such as mixing up "pull" and "pool." Students are familiarized with many irregular English spelling rules and exceptions, and are shown how such irregularities can contribute to pronunciation errors. A native language guide references problematic accent issues for 13 different language backgrounds.

The first comprehensive study of how English is pronounced by different people in different places. It provides an integrated and unified framework for existing scholarly treatments of regional forms of speech and makes many original contributions to the field.

Directed to speakers of English as a second language, a multi-media guide to pronouncing American English uses a "pure-sound" approach to speaking to help imitate the fluid ways of American speech.

Change One Word, Change Your Speech: American Accent Training from Speech Modification

Lose Your Accent in 28 Days

Speak More Clearly: Australian Accent

Accent Modification

Words on Cassette

How to Speak English with an American Accent in Less Than 10 Weeks

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

- provides an up-to-date description of the pronunciation of modern American 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 complete audio recordings of practice material to check your pronunciation against;*
- can be used not only for studying pronunciation in the classroom but also for independent practice.*

American English Phonetics and Pronunciation Practice is essential reading for any student studying this topic.

Sound like a native English speaker in six easy lessons Even though you know the vocabulary and the endless grammar rules, you still find it difficult to pronounce English words correctly. This struggle with your new language can make communicating with native English speakers a frustrating experience for both you and them. Now you can gain confidence in your English skills and speak like an American with this focused, nonintimidating program.

Improve Your American English Accent is an easy and enjoyable way to learn and master the most challenging American English speech characteristics, such as: The most troublesome of sixteen American English vowel sounds
The duration of vowel sounds
Differences in stressed and unstressed syllables and words
How a sound is changed by the sounds that come before and after it
Stress in words and phrases and how it influences timing
The CDs present six 35-minute lessons, each one covering key obstacles faced by nonnative English speakers. Author Charlsie Childs is your own personal tutor, talking you through her proven methods for overcoming the tricks of English pronunciation. Accompanying the CDs is a booklet containing written pronunciation guidelines and transcriptions of the sounds, words, and sentences you encounter on the recording.

The Atlas of North American English provides the first overall view of the pronunciation and vowel systems of the dialects of the U.S. and Canada. The Atlas re-defines the regional dialects of American English on the basis of sound changes active in the 1990s and draws new boundaries reflecting those changes. It is based on a telephone survey of 762 local speakers, representing all the urbanized areas of North America. It has been developed by Bill Labov, one of the leading sociolinguists of the world, together with his colleagues Sharon Ash and Charles Boberg. The Atlas consists of a printed volume accompanied by an interactive CD-ROM. The print and multimedia content is also available online. Combined Edition: Book and Multimedia CD-ROM The book contains 23 chapters that re-define the geographic boundaries of North American dialects and trace the influence of gender, age, education, and city size on the progress of sound change; findings that show a dramatic and increasing divergence of English in North America; 139 four color maps that illustrate the regional distribution of phonological and phonetic variables across the North American continent; 120 four color vowel charts of individual speakers. The multimedia CD-ROM supplements the articles and maps by providing a data base with measurements of more than 100,000 vowels and mean values for 439 speakers; the Plotnik program for mapping each of the individual vowel systems; extended sound samples of all North American dialects; multimedia applications to enhance classroom presentations. Online Version: Book and CD-ROM content plus additional data The online version comprises the contents of the book and the multimedia CD-ROM along with additional data. It presents a wider selection of data, maps, and audio samples that will be recurrently updated; proffers simultaneous access to the information contained in the book and on the multimedia CD-ROM to all users in the university/library network; provides students with easy access to research material for classroom assignments. For more information, please contact Mouton de Gruyter:

customerservice@degruyter.com System Requirements for CD-ROM and Online Version Windows PC: Pentium PC, Windows 9x, NT, or XP, at least 16MB RAM, CD-ROM Drive, 16 Bit Soundcard, SVGA (600 x 800 resolution) Apple MAC: OS 6 or higher, 16 Bit Soundcard, at least 16MB RAM Supported Browsers: Internet Explorer, 5.5 or 6 (Mac OS: Internet Explorer 5.1)/Netscape 7.x or higher/Mozilla 1.0 or higher/Mozilla Firefox 1.0 or higher PlugIns: Macromedia Flash Player 6/Acrobat Reader

English with an Accent

Improve Your American English Accent

Improve Your American English Accent (Book w/ CD)

Accent America

Language, Ideology and Discrimination in the United States

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Are you frustrated with your Accent and want to speak like a native? You can speak American English like a native, regardless of age. Don't waste your time with courses and classes. The native speakers of American

English never took classes to speak fluently and naturally. So what's the secret to speaking with perfect American accent? The Fast Fluent System is based on advances in brain science, which debunk the old myths about language learning and traditional classes. This book shows you: A 6-step system to perfect American accent. How to pick up the American accent easily like kids do. A method that works effortlessly, like the natives do it without classes and homework. 8 simple rules to follow. How to avoid the mistakes that have been holding you back. 6 sounds that make you sound American. And more... Once you know how, speaking with perfect accent can be effortless and natural. The classes and courses don't tell you the real secret. They just tell you the rules of pronunciations. Do you seriously think that Americans speak naturally by learning and applying the rules constantly? Of course not! Aren't you tired of being asked "Where are you from?" after so many years? Show your intelligence to employers, friends, and strangers by being a super fluent bilingual. * Special Bonus: This book also comes with a bonus resource to identify your problem areas based on your nationality or first language. People with different nationality backgrounds face different challenges in pronunciations. Once you pinpoint your problem areas and fix them, you will transform your accent tremendously. Speaking fluently and with perfect accent can completely change all aspects of your life from your career to romantic relationships. Grab a copy of this book and surprise your friends and family with your new perfect American accent!

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Phonetics, Phonology and Sound Change

English Pronunciation, Intonation and Accent Reduction — For Russian Speakers

Do You Speak American?

An American Accent Course for Success in Business

Variations in the Phonologies of Different English Varieties

Accents of English: Volume 1