

Accent Group Discussion

Thinking about Accent - What's your opinion?

1. What is an accent? Why do people have them? Why do native speakers and non-native speakers sound different?
2. Is it more important to try to sound *exactly* like a native speaker or to be an effective communicator?
3. How do you feel about your pronunciation? Have you had any problems because of it?
4. What areas of American English pronunciation are difficult for speakers of your native language? Do you have those problems too?
5. How do you feel about other people correcting your pronunciation? Do Americans usually correct your pronunciation?
6. What are your personal pronunciation goals? What are some pronunciation goals everyone should have?

Factors which play a role in accent

What are some factors which can affect your accent?
Which ones are the most important?

Improving your pronunciation

What are some effective ways to improve your pronunciation?