

APPENDIX

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Mini Accent Assessment

1. Interview

2. Read aloud the following passage:

Although children can easily learn to speak a second language with a native accent, adults are not as fortunate. Every language has different sounds and speaking patterns, and learners have to readjust their mouths and minds in order to adapt. The following are some useful tips for improving your pronunciation. First, familiarize yourself with the sounds of the new language. Don't worry about how the words are written; trust your ears and not your eyes. If a certain sound is hard to make, work until you get it right. Second, talk to native speakers or record their voices, listening closely to their intonation, phrasing, and stress. Finally, keep a record of your progress to help you stay motivated and focused. Keep in mind that the path to learning to speak a second language with a clear and natural accent can be difficult, but it is well worth the effort.

3. Mini screening assessment

Read aloud each word once and then use it in a sentence. Don't change the word.

Example: *"house" I want to buy a house in San Diego.*

third	shoes	teeth
scratch	blocks	buddy
other	zipper	chair
horse	judge	look
spring	witch	ring

4. Spontaneous Speech Sample (Ask about a typical day, a good vacation, a hobby, etc.)