

Accents quiz

Level: C1+

Age: 15+

Time needed: 10 minutes

Materials needed: “Accents quiz” handout, sound recordings, loudspeakers

Classroom organisation: frontal, individual

Notes to the teacher:

- Before conducting this activity or assigning it as homework, teach the students how the different native accents can be recognised with the help of the “Recognising accents” activity.

Procedure:

1. Either play the recordings in class (the password to open the .zip file is *proneng2022*) and have the students identify the accents, or send the recordings and the “Accent quiz” handout to the students and assign the task as homework. (Students might need to be reminded to use the filled in tables on the “Recognising accents” handout while doing the task.)
2. Frontal check the answers. (You may also discuss with your students how many speakers they have recognised.)

Speaker 1: Cockney (Michael Caine)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7O6j3eHsueM> (01:01-01:20)

Speaker 2: North of England (Sophie McShera)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GiRkTGgJDqQ> (00:31-00:45)

Speaker 3: New Zealand English (Zoë Bell)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6XhdFxmpt58> (06:02-06:32)

Speaker 4: Scottish English (Kevin Bridges)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n2D297DYEOK> (01:02-01:23)

Speaker 5: Received Pronunciation (Keira Knightley)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OLb6ehPPc4E> (01:03-01:24)

Speaker 6: General American (Robert Downey Jr)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ak9QJFF73p0> (01:36-02:02)

Speaker 7: Cockney (unknown speaker)

<https://www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/home/wells/accentsanddialects/> (01:44-02:07)

Speaker 8: Scottish English (Robert Carlyle)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sGvMFGdRmuk> (00:31-00:59)

Speaker 9: New Zealand English (Jacinda Ardern)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nySZaXyMnJo> (14:21-15:41)

Speaker 10: Received Pronunciation (Benedict Cumberbatch)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_ZvrCI98094 (04:54-05:17)

Speaker 11: General American (Brad Pitt)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EOLafh8DPFM> (00:45-01:23)

Speaker 12: North of England (Matthew Lewis)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kWhmne1n70I> (00:14-00:46)