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American Accent Training

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A guide to speaking and pronouncing
American English for everyone who speaks
English as a second language



- Take the "pure sound" approach to speaking
- Listen to the rhythms of spoken language
- Imitate the fluid ways of American speech
- Americans will understand you better—and you'll understand them better too!
- "I took pronunciation classes for two years at Princeton, and in my opinion, American Accent Training is far superior."
—Dr. Z. Kutwa, Hydrologist



Synopsis

This audio is the new and expanded third edition of American Accent Training, with four all-new chapters that cover the psychology of accent acquisition, American voice quality, a pronunciation overview, and an ESL instructor's guide. The audio features 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. Added features include access to comprehensive websites and referral to a qualified telephone analyst for individual help. American Accent Training has been Americanizing the speaking habits of students and businesspeople since 1991. Going where no accent training has gone before, AAT continues to set the standard for anyone learning or teaching the American accent.

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Customer Reviews

Must give full stars for this book. Very organized and easy to understand. I love that they record everything on the book so I can listen to the CD while driving.

Great! I am very happy with my purchase. I recommend this book and cd's to everyone who wants

to get an American Accent.

Wish I had had this book when I first began teaching English as a Second Language to Koreans! The lessons are written clearly with helpful advice as to where to place the sound in the mouth or throat. There is a section that lists the problems of many particular nationalities as they struggle to learn English. This book assumes the student knows basic English grammar, but that is okay because books teaching grammar are plentiful. This book has been a tremendous help to me and to my students.

Really good but honestly the lady speaks way to fast... Like no one that I ever talk to speaks that fast unless they are in a rush, I wish I could slow it down a little bit to get the pronunciation better specially of new vowels and sounds that im unfamiliar with, besides that its a good book

I bought this book to use with ESL students. I find that it's very text-heavy; there are pages of explanations without much opportunity for hands-on (tongues-on?) practice. The CDs are OK, but as another reviewer noted, they move quickly, without giving the listener a chance to repeat. This would probably be a good book for someone who has near-native comprehension skills and already knows the basics of pronunciation, but wants to reduce his accent. Not so good for someone whose pronunciation is hard to understand, or who would have trouble reading and processing huge chunks of fairly technical text.

I love this book! I listen to the audio everyday while driving to work! It is very comprehensive. I wish the author would make new CDs with more accent training exercises!!

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Many (including native English speakers and other non-Chinese speakers) people have asked me how I managed to acquire such a heavy American accent, despite the fact that I've never been to any English-speaking countries. Furthermore, many ESL learners and even some native speakers (Americans included) thought I was an ABC (American-born Chinese), until I told them otherwise. Well, this is the answer. It was very helpful during my early years of studying how to speak "the American way." It goes without saying that consistent, frequent practice and actual application (i.e. by conversing with Americans) are essential for your pursuit of the otherwise elusive American

accent (that is, if you weren't born and raised in the States).I can't praise this masterpiece enough. Ann Cook surely knows what she's talking about. If American accent (by which I mean the so-called "standard American accent" commonly heard in public broadcasts such as NPR and among educated Americans) is what you're aiming for, then you do not want to miss this book.It's not a hyperbole to call it the Holy Grail of American accent. Period.P.S. I finished reading this book sometime around 2012-2013, so this book review is long overdue!

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