



# ***PRACTICAL PH&PH 3:***

The best videos for teaching English (pronunciation,  
general language, culture) at all levels



# INTRODUCTORY NOTES

Having made all the possible mistakes there are to make, I'm in a position to provide these...



# GENERAL GUIDELINES

- **Choice of recording:** - must offer benefits on a short space, - must be enjoyed (if not understood) by all those present, - need not be tailored to all participants' proficiency levels
- Presentation as tidbit, reward
- Timing and frequency
- Preparation for a recording
- Follow-up activities
- Encouraging students' autonomy >>> formats on next slide & computer games



# SUGGESTED FORMATS

- Sitcoms
- Movies (cultural references; accents carry regional, social, ethnic connotations; the issue of subtitles)
- English-teaching videos featuring mother tongue x all in English
- Audiobooks
- Educational videos; TED Talks; “Accent Tag”; Tutorials
- Talk shows, interviews with celebrities
- Stand-up comedy, parody
- Political discourse, motivational talks



# TEACHING ENGLISH

“The best way of killing an idea is to put it in a textbook.”



# EXAMPLES OF VIDEOS FOR TEACHING ENGLISH

Unless stated otherwise, all the videos are on YouTube under the stated title in italics and exact timing.

- Audiobooks

- a) elementary, with pictures, such as *Eric Carle reads The Very Hungry Caterpillar, 2:18*

- b) Building on what students have read in their mother tongue, such as

- Harry Potter and The Philosopher's Stone | Part 1 | Audiobook by Stephen Fry | Harry Potter Series, 1:04:29*

- *A Bit of Fry and Laurie - Your name, sir? (Complete), 3:29*

- *TASTING CZECH TREATS, 22:14*

- *This is Britain Bonfire Night, 4:22*

- *Learn English With Brad Pitt on FRIENDS, 23:24*



# TEACHING PRONUNCIATION

You teach pronunciation while teaching other skills.



- **Irena Hůlková:** *Pozor na znělé souhlásky na konci anglických slov! Aneb záda nejsou taška a čepice*



- *není taxík :), 8:31*

- **Bronislav Sobotka:** */Vyjadřování pozdní lítosti – online lekce angličtiny s Romanem Prymulou, 1:00;/ Nejčastěji špatně vyslovovaná slova v angličtině, 9:07*







# AUTHENTIC YOUTUBE CHANNELS FOR BRITISH AND AMERICAN ENGLISH

- For British English:

Eat sleep dream English, e.g. *10 Most Difficult Words to Pronounce in English | British English Lesson, 8:37*

English like a native, e.g. *CONTRACTIONS in ENGLISH - Complete List & Natural Pronunciation, 1:33:57*

- For American English:

Amy Walker *Which Accent is Most Attractive? | Amy Walker, 1:56*

Lisa Mojsin *About Lisa Mojsin and American Accent Training, 2:14*

Rachel's English

*/Please DON'T Say "You're Welcome"! – Better responses to THANK YOU | Learn English, 3:42/*

*How to pronounce Can versus Can't – American English Accent, 3:40*



# TEACHING ACCENTS...

... means doing culture studies and social history, and brings greater appreciation and enjoyment of spoken artistic formats by your pupils.



# BEST ACCENT RECORDINGS: SUMMARY AND THE BRITISH ISLES

- Outline: *The English language in 24 accents*, 8:14
- Outline of the British Isles: *A tour of the British Isles in accents*, 1:25
- RP (GB) – posh:  
<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=guardian+video+posh+accent&ru=%2fsearch%3fq%3dguardian%2bvideo%2bposh%2baccent%26cvid%3dee7f5bc5311949e2b9664a32325ff5d5%26FORM%3dANAB01%26DAF0%3d1%26PC%3dU531&view=detail&mid=49A8769F02EC5B87BE4E49A8769F02EC5B87BE4E&&mmscn=vwrc&FORM=VDRVSR>
- GB and south-east England: *Learn English with Adele | Cockney vs Received Pronunciation*, 16:01  
*Catherine Tate Show-Lauren Cooper Gets Tattoo*, 2:49
- Midlands and the North – *Yorkshire airlines*, 2:10; *Funny Liverpool accent of this amazing girl*, 2:59
- South-west of England and Wales: *Funny Welsh man*, 3:44
- Scottish: *Scottish Voice Recognition Elevator-ELEVEN*, 3:36
- Irish: *Irish Girl Blow Up School*, 3:19
- Northern Irish: *Catherine Tate-Gay Son*, 5:25



# BEST ACCENT RECORDINGS: EE ACCENTS OFF THE BRITISH ISLES

- Australia: *Aussiest. Interview. Ever. What a legend!, 2:12*
- New Zealand: *A Very Merry Mistake – Air New Zealand, 3:02*  
*D\*ck Maintenance – Banned Commercial!, 1:54*
- South Africa: *Trevor Chats With His Grandma About Apartheid and Tours Her Home, 11:19*
- Singlish (Singapore): *Learning Singlish (Singaporean English), 6:20*
- India (Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka): *When Anushka And Suraj Spoke With An Accent,*  
*1:48*
- Africa: *Funny Nigerian English, 2:30*



# BEST ACCENT RECORDINGS: AME ACCENTS IN NORTH AMERICA

- Animated dialect map:
  - <https://www.businessinsider.com/animated-map-where-american-accents-come-from-2018-5>
- All covered by Amy Walker, e.g. *Fun tour of American Accents, 6:40*
- General and GenAm
- East Coast and New York
- MidWest
- the South, Cajun
- AAVE
- TexMex



# BEST ACCENT RECORDINGS: AME ACCENTS OUTSIDE THE U.S.

- Canada: *Jim Carrey – Canada, 2:03*
- The Caribbean (Jamaica, Guyana, Barbados...):  
*Rihanna Takes Oprah on a Tour of Her childhood home, 3:07*
- The Philippines: *Filipino Accent Tutorial by Mikey Bustos, 2:41*
- Hawaii: *Hawaii Pidgin The Voice of Hawaii, 4:27*



# BEST ACCENT RECORDINGS: BRITISH VS. AMERICAN ENGLISH - IDENTITIES

- *Chris James Black British Accent Stand Up Comedy, 2:55*
- *Prank call Yo Wife Wife Is Havin My Baby (UNCENSORED), 7:03*
  
- British actors emulating American accents in films  
*British Actors doing American accents, 13:00*
  
- American actors emulating British accents in films  
*American Actors doing a British accent, 5:52*



# BEST ACCENT RECORDINGS: EUROPEAN FL AND SL VARIETIES

- German: *German coast guard trainee, 0:52*
- Italian: *Italian man who went to Malta [Original], 2:26*
- French: *Pink Panther - Hamburger, 4:22*
- Spanish: *two and a half men funniest scene of Enrique Iglesias, 2:02*
- Russian: *Trevor Noah makes fun of the Russian accent, 2:43*
- Political parody
  - by Tracy Ullman doing *Angela Merkel, Brigitte Macron, Camilla Parker-Bowles and other members of the British Royal family, e.g. President Trump posts himself to the United Kingdom - BBC, 3:33*
  - in *Saturday Night Live (Adele), e.g. A Thanksgiving Miracle – SNL, 3:48.*



# APOLOGIES

... if your favourite recordings are missing.

Introduce them to the class as your  
*pronunciation project!*

