

Accents

This document includes various videos in (or about) accents I have found throughout the years. They are divided into a couple of main categories (Irish, Scottish, etc.) and also some miscellaneous at the end. I also included a couple of YouTube channels (at the end of the list) that teach about accents or various phonological phenomena.

Please enjoy the beautiful accents. 😊

IRISH

Irish Schoolboy with Thick Accent Warns of "Frostbit"

“Ruairi Mcsorley, a young Irish lad was interviewed during a typical news broadcast about the weather conditions in his town in Ireland. What he said next is brilliant and made him the ‘Frostbit boy’.”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pj705DvCSxg&list=PLVY6FGT3ZpkHPN22dfaW8ceUGzJhw4Mfi>

#Frostbit Boy Uncut "You Wouldn't Be Long Getting Frostbit!" - Ruairí McSorley (TURN ON CAPTIONS)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PLMrHRuhxO4&list=PLVY6FGT3ZpkHPN22dfaW8ceUGzJhw4Mfi&index=4>

Irish Farmers Glorious Accent Is So Strong Here are the subtitles!!

Irish farmer, his sheep get stolen. Possibly my most favourite video on this list. Includes a bit of Irish language as well.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nJ7QB3om-QY>

The STRONGEST Irish Accent You'll Ever Hear!

“Sham is a local legend in his hometown of Killarney in Ireland. Colm Flynn from Ireland's TODAY Show was visiting the town and popped into one of the local pubs to have a chat with Sham.”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3VA9vuId3ds&list=PLVY6FGT3ZpkHPN22dfaW8ceUGzJhw4Mfi&index=11>

'I'm a Busy Man': 4-Year-Old Goes Over His Lengthy To-Do List

“A four-year-old in Northern Ireland had quite a to-do list on October 24. Caroline O’Neill recorded this video of her imaginative son Darragh going over everything he had planned for the day – only one day after he got his driver’s license, he said. O’Neill told Storyful her son is a “very busy man,” as the lad notes in the video.”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x-fNzwo1iMA&list=PLVY6FGT3ZpkHPN22dfaW8ceUGzJhw4Mfi&index=7>

Dublin Irish Intonation

More of an educational video, the man in the video explains how to do Dublin Irish Intonation. The comments under the video are nice (even from people from Dublin) so perhaps it is quite accurate. People in the comments also recommend listening to Colin Farrell interviews or Sinéad O'Connor interviews for further reference.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vJQeJCKO1do>

Niall Horan Teaches You Irish Slang | Vanity Fair

“Niall Horan tests his knowledge of Irish slang. From "bajanxed" to "bogger", Niall takes us through some of Ireland's best slang phrases.”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0NTczzgcYzI>

SCOTTISH

Air Traffic Control – SNL

“A Scottish air traffic controller (James McAvoy) with a heavy accent tries to guide a plane to a safe landing.”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UGRcJQ9tMbY&list=PLVY6FGT3ZpkHPN22dfaW8ceUGzJhw4Mfi&index=2>

Amazon Alexa Can't Understand Scottish Accent

“Amazon Alexa can't understand the Scottish accent, and this Scottish person filmed the moment Alexa fails to comprehend what she's saying. The woman attempts to get the home assistant to play 1979 hit "Something's cooking in the kitchen" by Dana. But her broad accent doesn't pick up on the device, leaving her increasingly frustrated. "It's no donna!" she barks after Alexa fails to play the song.

Several failed attempts cause her to change her tactic. Putting on a cockney accent, she tries again – and to her fury, Alexa obliges and plays the tune. "You just hate Scottish people, ya cow!" she yells.”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CYvFxs32zvQ&list=PLVY6FGT3ZpkHPN22dfaW8ceUGzJhw4Mfi&index=3>

Scottish English

Clips from various movies where Scottish accent can be heard. (Includes hard subtitles – the soft automatic subtitles have no idea what to do with the movies.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8hGp6aHsZQY&list=PLVY6FGT3ZpkHPN22dfaW8ceUGzJhw4Mfi&index=8>

Two Scots That Are So Scottish We Can't Understand Them

A skit. Top-liked comments are Scottish approved.

“As a Scottish person, this is [redacted for academic purposes] hilarious. You go to Glasgow on a Saturday night at a bar and this is literally what you see and hear.” (13 thousand likes)

“I'm Scottish and I wanna say this is basically every Scottish pub.” (22 thousand likes)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YeSkCkWmHc4&list=PLVY6FGT3ZpkHPN22dfaW8ceUGzJhw4Mfi&index=9>

Political blooper: MP's Scottish accent baffles British parliamentarian

“Members of the British parliament broke into laughter on October 18 when New-Zealand born Tory MP, Paul Beresford, visibly struggled to understand his Scottish colleague who was speaking with an accent.”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1jHfY0dDZxA>

Funny Scottish guy gets stuck on a roof funniest Scottish video ever

A Scottish man gets stuck on a roof. Warning, a couple of explicit words used.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qUy3J8eNvyM>

Gerard Butler Teaches You Scottish Slang | Vanity Fair

A Vanity Fair video, in which “Gerard Butler teaches you Scottish slang words.”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c42dvgPIfSk>

WELSH

Welsh people on Welsh accents

“Welsh people on Welsh accents. What do the English think Welsh people sound like?”

Various Welsh dialects included.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O_2UW8v3Q80

Disappearing Welsh Names

“If you understand what's in a name, you may just think twice about re-naming a place... and if you're going to rename a place, you should at least understand the value of what you're thinking of replacing first.”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yLQ6XIG0MQ4>

How to Speak WELSH ENGLISH: The Accent the Vocabulary and the History

“All you want to know about Welsh English aka WENGLISH. The expressions, the words the vocabulary. How the Welsh language has influenced the Welsh language.”

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yoiZZ_55_TA

How To Say Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogoch

A fun little song

“If you can sing it you can say it...this is the original version of the classic song....a perfect souvenir of The Land of Song.....it is a track from a wonderful album " PORTRAIT OF WALES"”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1BXKsQ2nbno>

MISCELLANEOUS

Nicolas Doesn't Understand the West Country Accent | Hot Fuzz | Screen Bites

A skit.

“A former Londoner moving to the countryside has to adapt in more ways than one – like understanding what the local folk are saying for example... Google translate anyone?”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hs-rgvkRfwc>

American Shocked by ENGLISH from England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales I Can You Understand?

People with different accents have a debate in one room.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mgryJTxTU8Y>

Posh family reacts to northern nanny | The Catherine Tate Show - BBC

A skit making fun of posh people (a little bit).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-BVgPeZR-Y>

A tour of The UK and Ireland in accents.

A tour of the UK and Ireland in accents. The man in the video ignores Midlands, however – which he is promptly reminded of in the comments.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-8mzWkuOxz8&list=PLVY6FGT3ZpkHPN22dfaW8ceUGzJhw4Mfi&index=5>

The Weather in Accents

Weather forecast in various accents.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0AiAaybzd0Y&list=PLVY6FGT3ZpkHPN22dfaW8ceUGzJhw4Mfi&index=10>

Vocal Fry

A skit about vocal fry. Even though it is more suited for a lesson about American varieties, I still thought I would include it here...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WdfJn1kcQuU&list=PLVY6FGT3ZpkHPN22dfaW8ceUGzJhw4Mfi&index=12>

Tips for YouTube channels:

“Accent Help”

This channel teaches about accents and various language phenomena, such as: glottal stops, strong forms, weak forms, differences between phonetic symbols (and how to pronounce them) etc. The gentleman in the videos is also an accent acting coach.

<https://www.youtube.com/@AccentHelp/videos>

“Foil Arms and Hog”

This channel has various skits on it, often in an Irish accent or focusing on Irish culture.

<https://www.youtube.com/@foilarmsandhog>

“English for Everyone with Kevin and Liza”

Although a substantial part of the channel is about teaching the basics of English, one can find many interesting videos there, such as “American Accent Training” etc. which goes into quite a detail (intonation, mannerisms, placement of sound etc.).

<https://www.youtube.com/@mrmememe777>