

*Streaming Speech*  
**Listening to Accents of the British Isles**  
**An online course**  
**for**  
**Intermediate Learners of English**

**TEST BOOKLET**  
**&**  
**ANSWER KEY**

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## Test yourself on Accent 1: Birmingham – Peter

### Listening comprehension

What words did Peter use to express the following meanings? Read the lines in the table. Below each line, write the words that Peter used.

1	The club is in a better state than it has been for a long time.
2	The price of a £100 share increased by 60% in 24 hours.
3	Players need friendly treatment.
4	He used to treat them all in the same way.
5	They want to achieve even greater things.

Look back at the extracts on pages 2.1, 2.2, and 5.0 to see if your answer is correct.

### Peter's pronunciation

Look at the following pairs of words. Say them aloud in the reference accent, taking care to make the underlined vowels different.

<u>h</u> ers	he <u>a</u> rs
bo <u>a</u> t	bo <u>o</u> t
h <u>a</u> y	hi <u>g</u> h
bo <u>y</u>	bu <u>y</u>
bu <u>ck</u>	bo <u>o</u> k

The table below shows words from Peter's recording, with the vowel underlined. Circle the words which has the vowel which rhymes with Peter's pronunciation. The first one is done for you.

	Peter	Reference Accent	
1	<u>y</u> ears	<u>h</u> ers	he <u>a</u> rs
2	fl <u>o</u> ated	bo <u>a</u> t	bo <u>o</u> t
3	exch <u>a</u> nge	h <u>a</u> y	hi <u>g</u> h
4	w <u>a</u> y	h <u>a</u> y	hi <u>g</u> h
5	mi <u>g</u> ht	bo <u>y</u>	bu <u>y</u>
6	cl <u>u</u> b	bu <u>ck</u>	bo <u>o</u> k
7	mo <u>n</u> ey	bu <u>ck</u>	bo <u>o</u> k

## Test yourself on Accent 2: Middlesborough – Tom

### Listening comprehension

What words did Tom use to express the following meanings?

Read the lines in the table. Below each line, write the words that Peter used.

1	Since I finished my education, I've been twice.
2	That was wonderful, marvellous.
3	They had to order the boots from another village in fact.
4	I've skied from an early age.
5	I went annually.

Look back at the extracts on pages 2.1, 2.2, and 5.0 to see if your answer is correct.

### Tom's pronunciation

Look at the following pairs of words. Say them aloud in the reference accent, taking care to make the underlined vowels different.

her	here
fool	fuel
buck	book
tuck	took
pat	part

The table below shows words from Tom's recording, with the vowel underlined. Circle the words which has the vowel which rhymes with Tom's pronunciation. The first one is done for you.

	Tom	Reference Accent	
1	year	<u>her</u>	here
2	couple	book	buck
3	trouble	tuck	took
4	asked	back	bark
5	France	pat	part

## Test yourself on Accent 3: Manchester – John

### Listening comprehension

What words did John use to express the following meanings?

Read the lines in the table. Below each line, write the words that John used.

1	I wasn't well-suited to army life.
2	I tolerated the army's lifestyle.
3	They made great efforts to persuade me to stay.
4	I made up my mind to resign.
5	Things that sound interesting to a teenager

### John's pronunciation

Look at the following pairs of words. Say them aloud in the reference accent, taking care to make the underlined vowels different.

back	bark
add	had
book	buck
tuck	took
pin	ping

The table below shows words from John's recording, with the vowel underlined. Circle the words which has the vowel which rhymes with John's pronunciation. The first one is done for you.

	John	Reference Accent	
1	<u>a</u> fter	<u>ba</u> ck	bark
2	<u>h</u> ad	add	had
3	<u>u</u> p	book	buck
4	<u>f</u> un	tuck	took
5	<u>do</u> ing	pin	ping
6	<u>i</u> ndustrial	tuck	took

## Test yourself on Accent 4: London – Terry

### Listening comprehension

What words did Terry use to express the following meanings?  
Read the lines in the table. Below each line, write the words that Terry used.

1	I'm beginning to get interested in it again.
2	I was the sort of child that wasn't very good at ...
3	We did quite well...
4	Sufficient to win the admiration of other people...
5	I must admit that my family are good singers.

Look back at the extracts on pages 2.1, 2.2, and 5.0 to see if your answer is correct.

### Terry's Pronunciation

Look at the words in the table below. Circle the letters where Terry's accent is different from the reference accent. The first one is done for you.

Words
computers
fascinated
been
thrown out
and
seventeen

## Test yourself on Accent 5: Glasgow – Willie

### Listening comprehension

What words did Willie use to express the following meanings?  
Read the lines in the table. Below each line, write the words that Willie used.

1	The grass changes colour...	
2	...which is a wonderful sight.	
3	The country had had more rain than usual.	
4	...deep colours that I not seen previously	
5	And I admire the ways of life of the different peoples of Zimbabwe.	

Look back at the extracts on pages 2.1, 2.2, and 5.0 to see if your answer is correct.

### Willie's Pronunciation

Look at the words in the table below. Circle the letters where Willie's accent is different from the reference accent. The first one is done for you.

Words
extended
winter
culture
colour
various
brown

## Test yourself on Accent 6: South Wales – Karen

### Listening comprehension

What words did Karen use to express the following meanings?  
Read the lines in the table. Below each line, write the words that Karen used.

1	You would meet many acquaintances and friends.
2	You could walk through town for a long time and not recognise anyone.
3	It got to the point where I wanted to become more independent.
4	Your parents will be told about everything that you do.
5	It's a community where everyone knows everything about everyone else.

Look back at the extracts on pages 2.1, 2.2, and 5.0 to see if your answer is correct.

### Karen's Pronunciation

Look at the words in the table below. Circle the letters where Karen's accent is different from the reference accent. The first one is done for you.

Words
business
knew
the age
gossiping
wierd
particularly

## Test yourself on Accent 7: Ireland – Liz

### Listening comprehension

What words did Liz use to express the following meanings?

Read the lines in the table. Below each line, write the words that Liz used.

1	I had applied for jobs, and sent in applications.
2	I was fortunate to get a job in Galway.
3	It was a difficult place to work in.
4	If there were problems, it was a difficult place to work.
5	I could return, and make sure that everything was all right.

Look back at the extracts on pages 2.1, 2.2, and 5.0 to see if your answer is correct.

### Liz's Pronunciation

Look at the words in the table below. Circle the letters where Liz's accent is different from the reference accent. The first one is done for you.

Words
but
get
fair
later
work
the easy way

## Test yourself on Accent 8: Birmingham – Helen

### Listening comprehension

What words did Helen use to express the following meanings?  
Read the lines in the table. Below each line, write the words that Helen used.

1	When I began working for the bank, it was my ambition to get that job.
2	And all the time I've pursued that ambition.
3	The only thing they wanted was to pocket the profits
4	They were not re-investing any money in the company.
5	But then they were taken over by a London-based company.

Look back at the extracts on pages 2.1, 2.2, and 5.0 to see if your answer is correct.

### Helen's Pronunciation

Look at the following pairs of words. Say them aloud in the reference accent, taking care to make the underlined vowels different.

h <u>er</u> s	h <u>ear</u> s
h <u>ay</u>	h <u>igh</u>
b <u>oy</u>	b <u>uy</u>
b <u>u</u> ck	b <u>oo</u> k

The table below shows words from Helen's recording, with the vowel underlined. Circle the words which has the vowel which rhymes with Helen's pronunciation. The first one is done for you.

	Helen	Reference Accent	
1	y <u>ea</u> rs	<u>her</u> s	<u>hear</u> s
2	b <u>a</u> sed	<u>hay</u>	h <u>igh</u>
3	s <u>igh</u> ts	<u>boy</u>	b <u>uy</u>
4	st <u>u</u> ck	b <u>u</u> ck	b <u>oo</u> k
5	c <u>o</u> mpany	b <u>u</u> ck	b <u>oo</u> k

## Test yourself on Accent 9: Leeds – Eve

### Listening comprehension

What words did Eve use to express the following meanings?

Read the lines in the table. Below each line, write the words that Eve used.

1	My brother was teased at school.
2	My father said that he wanted to improve his children's situation.
3	Because they are very fierce.
4	But I was able to get a view of the countryside.
5	There was a farm at the bottom of the road.

Look back at the extracts on pages 2.1, 2.2, and 5.0 to see if your answer is correct.

### Eve's Pronunciation

Look at the words in the table below. Circle the letters where Eve's accent is different from the reference accent. The first one is done for you.

<b>Words</b>
bu
daunting
better families
got to
of the street
compensated

## Test yourself on Accent 10: Newcastle-upon-Tyne – Sonia

### Listening comprehension

What words did Sonia use to express the following meanings?  
Read the lines in the table. Below each line, write the words that Sonia used.

1	You could either stay on at school, or leave.
2	The boys could choose between metalwork and woodwork.
3	It was a small house.
4	There was not enough room for us in the house.
5	In those days, that gave them a good education.

Look back at the extracts on pages 2.1, 2.2, and 5.0 to see if your answer is correct.

### Sonia's Pronunciation

Look at the words in the table below. Circle the letters where Sonia's accent is different from the reference accent. The first one is done for you.

Words
mum
school
play
that year
typing
had to do

# Answer Key

## Test yourself on Accent 1: Birmingham – Peter – Answer Key

1	The club is in a better state than it has been for a long time.
	The structure of the club is better than it's been for years.
2	The price of a £100 share increased by 60% in 24 hours.
	A hundred pound share was worth £160 the day after we floated.
3	Players need friendly treatment.
	Players need an arm round the shoulder
4	He used to treat them all in the same way.
	He used to tar them all with the same brush.
5	They want to achieve even greater things.
	That's probably made them even more ambitious now.

	Peter	Reference Accent	
1	years	hers	hears
2	floated	boat	bout
3	exchange	hay	high
4	way	hay	high
5	might	boy	buy
6	club	buck	book
7	money	buck	book

**Test yourself on Accent 2: Middlesborough – Tom – Answer Key**

1	Since I finished my education, I've been twice.
	Since I've left school I've been a couple of times.
2	That was wonderful, marvellous.
	That was absolutely amazing, it was really good.
3	They had to order the boots from another village in fact.
	They actually had to call in the boots from another village.
4	I've skiied from an early age.
	I've been skiing since I was about eight.
5	I went annually.
	I used to go every year.

	Tom	Reference Accent	
1	year	her	here
2	couple	book	buck
3	trouble	tuck	took
4	asked	back	bark
5	France	pat	part

**Test yourself on Accent 3: Manchester – John – Answer Key**

1	I wasn't well-suited to army life.
	I was more of a kind of sort of square peg in a round hole in the army.
2	I tolerated the army's lifestyle.
	I put up with the army kind of life and routine.
3	They made great efforts to persuade me to stay.
	They tried hard to keep me in.
4	I made up my mind to resign.
	I decided I was definitely going to leave.
5	Things that sound interesting to a teenager
	Things that you know sound like fun when you're sixteen.

	John	Reference Accent	
1	<u>a</u> fter	<u>ba</u> ck	bark
2	h <u>a</u> d	<u>ad</u> d	had
3	<u>u</u> p	<u>bu</u> ck	buck
4	f <u>u</u> n	tuck	<u>tu</u> ck
5	do <u>in</u> g	<u>pin</u>	ping
6	ind <u>u</u> strial	tuck	<u>tu</u> ck

## Test yourself on Accent 4: London – Terry

1	I'm beginning to get interested in it again.
	I'm starting to get back into it again you know.
2	I was the sort of child that wasn't very good at ...
	I was you know one of these kids who was thrown out for being lousy...
3	We did quite well...
	we got to quite a good level
4	Sufficient to win the admiration of other people...
	Enough to earn a few kind of rounds of applause...
5	I must admit that my family are good singers.
	Family's always had decent voices, I have to say.

<b>Words</b>
comput <u>er</u> s
fascinat <u>e</u> d
bee <u>n</u>
th <u>r</u> own out
an <u>d</u>
sevent <u>ee</u> n

**Test yourself on Accent 5: Glasgow – Willie – Answer Key**

1	The grass changes colour...
	The savannah goes a wonderful russet brown yellow sort of colour...
2	...which is a wonderful sight.
	...which is really superb to see.
3	The country had had more rain than usual.
	The country had experienced an extended rainy season.
4	...deep colours that I not seen previously
	lush and green and ... in a way that I had never seen quite so rich before
5	And I admire the ways of life of the different peoples of Zimbabwe.
	I also like the culture of the various er er groups in Zimbabwe.

<b>Words</b>
extended
winter
culture
colour
various
brown

## Test yourself on Accent 6: South Wales – Karen – Answer Key

1	You would meet many acquaintances and friends.
	You'd meet loads and loads and loads of people you knew.
2	You could walk through town for a long time and not recognise anyone.
	You could walk through town for hours and not know a soul.
3	It got to the point where I wanted to become more independent.
	I got to the age where I started to value my independence and my privacy.
4	Your parents will be told about everything that you do.
	You can't do anything without it getting back to your parents.
5	It's a community where everyone knows everything about everyone else.
	It's very much everybody know everybody else's business.

<b>Words</b>
business
knew
the age
gossiping
wierd
particularly

## Test yourself on Accent 7: Ireland – Liz – Answer Key

1	I had applied for jobs, and sent in applications. I'd written off to places, and I'd lined up people to meet.
2	I was fortunate to get a job in Galway. So I was very lucky that I got a job in Galway.
3	It was a difficult place to work in. It was a tough environment to work in you know.
4	If there were problems, it was a difficult place to work. If things weren't going well, it was tough.
5	I could return, and make sure that everything was all right. I was able to come back and check it all out.

<b>Words</b>
but
get
fair
later
work
the easy way

**Test yourself on Accent 8: Birmingham – Helen**

1	When I began working for the bank, it was my ambition to get that job.
	That was the job I'd set my sights on when I first joined the bank.
2	And all the time I've pursued that ambition.
	And all the years I've worked towards that.
3	The only thing they wanted was to pocket the profits
	Basically all they wanted to do they just wanted to reap the profits.
4	They were not re-investing any money in the company.
	They weren't putting any money back into the company.
5	But then they were taken over by a London-based company.
	But then they had a takeover bid erm by a company in London.

	Helen	Reference Accent	
1	y <u>ea</u> rs	<u>he</u> rs	he <u>ar</u> s
2	b <u>a</u> sed	h <u>ay</u>	h <u>igh</u>
3	s <u>igh</u> ts	<u>bo</u> y	b <u>uy</u>
4	st <u>u</u> ck	b <u>u</u> ck	b <u>oo</u> k
5	co <u>mp</u> any	b <u>u</u> ck	b <u>oo</u> k

## Test yourself on Accent 9: Leeds – Eve

### Listening comprehension

What words did Eve use to express the following meanings?

Read the lines in the table. Below each line, write the words that Eve used.

1	My brother was teased at school.
	My brother was getting picked on at school.
2	My father said that he wanted to improve his children's situation.
	My Dad was like 'No, I want better for my kids'.
3	Because they are very fierce.
	'Cos they're quite vicious.
4	But I was able to get a view of the countryside.
	But I got to look over the fields.
5	There was a farm at the bottom of the road.
	There was a farm at the end of the road.

Look back at the extracts on pages 2.1, 2.2, and 5.0 to see if your answer is correct.

### Eve's Pronunciation

Look at the words in the table below. Circle the letters where Eve's accent is different from the reference accent. The first one is done for you.

Words
but
daunting
better families
got to
of the street
compensated

## Test yourself on Accent 10: Newcastle-upon-Tyne – Sonia

### Listening comprehension

What words did Sonia use to express the following meanings?  
Read the lines in the table. Below each line, write the words that Sonia used.

1	You could either stay on at school, or leave.
	Ye either went into a staying on class or you left school.
2	The boys could choose between metalwork and woodwork.
	And the lads had a choice they could either do metalwork or woodwork
3	It was a small house.
	It was only three bedroomed house.
4	There was not enough room for us in the house.
	So we were rather squashed up in the house.
5	In those days, that gave them a good education.
	That was a good grounding for them at the time.

Look back at the extracts on pages 2.1, 2.2, and 5.0 to see if your answer is correct.

### Sonia's Pronunciation

Look at the words in the table below. Circle the letters where Sonia's accent is different from the reference accent. The first one is done for you.

Words
mum
school
play
that year
typing
had to do