

UNIVERSITY SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING CLINIC
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ACCENT TRAINING CASE HISTORY

Name:		Date:
Birthdate:	Email:	Gender:
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Home/Mobile Telephone:		Work Telephone:
Have you been to this clinic before? Is so, when?		
How did you find our clinic?		
Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Services?		

What language is spoken in your home?

What language is spoken at work?

Where are you employed? If at the University of Houston, what is your academic role (e.g. student, staff, or faculty)? department?

Employer's Address:

Occupation Job Title:

Educational Level or Background:

What language is used in your social interactions?

What was the country of your birth?

When do you speak English?

What is the approximate time per week that you speak English?

What is the approximate time per week that another language is spoken?

What other language(s) do you understand or speak?

How old were you when you began studying English?

How did you learn English?

Were you taught by native speakers?

Did you learn English in an academic setting or a community setting?

How many years have you used English in conversations?

Did you have problems learning your home language?

Do you have a hearing problem or difficulty in hearing others talk? Yes No If
yes, please explain:

If you were referred, who referred you?

Have you received pronunciation instruction? If so, when and for how long?

Please list difficult communication situations:

Please list difficult sounds to pronounce:

Why are you seeking help with English pronunciation?

If you could change your English pronunciation, how would you feel? What benefits might occur?

How would you rate your confidence communicating in English (7-point Likert scale with 1 being *not at all confident* and 7 *very confident*)

In what areas of spoken English (grammar, vocabulary, etc.) do you feel confident?

What situations do you feel most confident speaking English? i.e., at home, at work, social occasions, others?

When do you feel least confident speaking English?

How would you rate your difficulty communicating in English (7-point Likert scale with 1 being *very difficult* and 7 *no difficulty*)

How would you rate your pronunciation of English? (Circle one)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
poor			average			good

Do other people have difficulty understanding you? (circle one)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
usually			sometimes			never

How would you rate your ability to write in English? (circle one)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7
poor average good

Describe your ability to use English to express yourself in your daily life:

Please let us know if there is anything else you would like us to know.

Learner variables should be considered early on as they may also serve to guide the assessment protocol. Variables include "age, proficiency level, linguistic and cultural background, prior exposure to the target language, amount and type of prior pronunciation instruction, language aptitude, learning style, and previous exposure to a second language" (Celce-Murcia et al., 1996, p. 320). Another important factor to consider is the client's motivation for accent modification services (Moyer, 1999).

Along with a thorough case history, three main areas need to be considered when evaluating a client who is seeking accent modification services: segmentals, suprasegmentals, and language (e.g., syntax and morphology).
