

The accent challenge

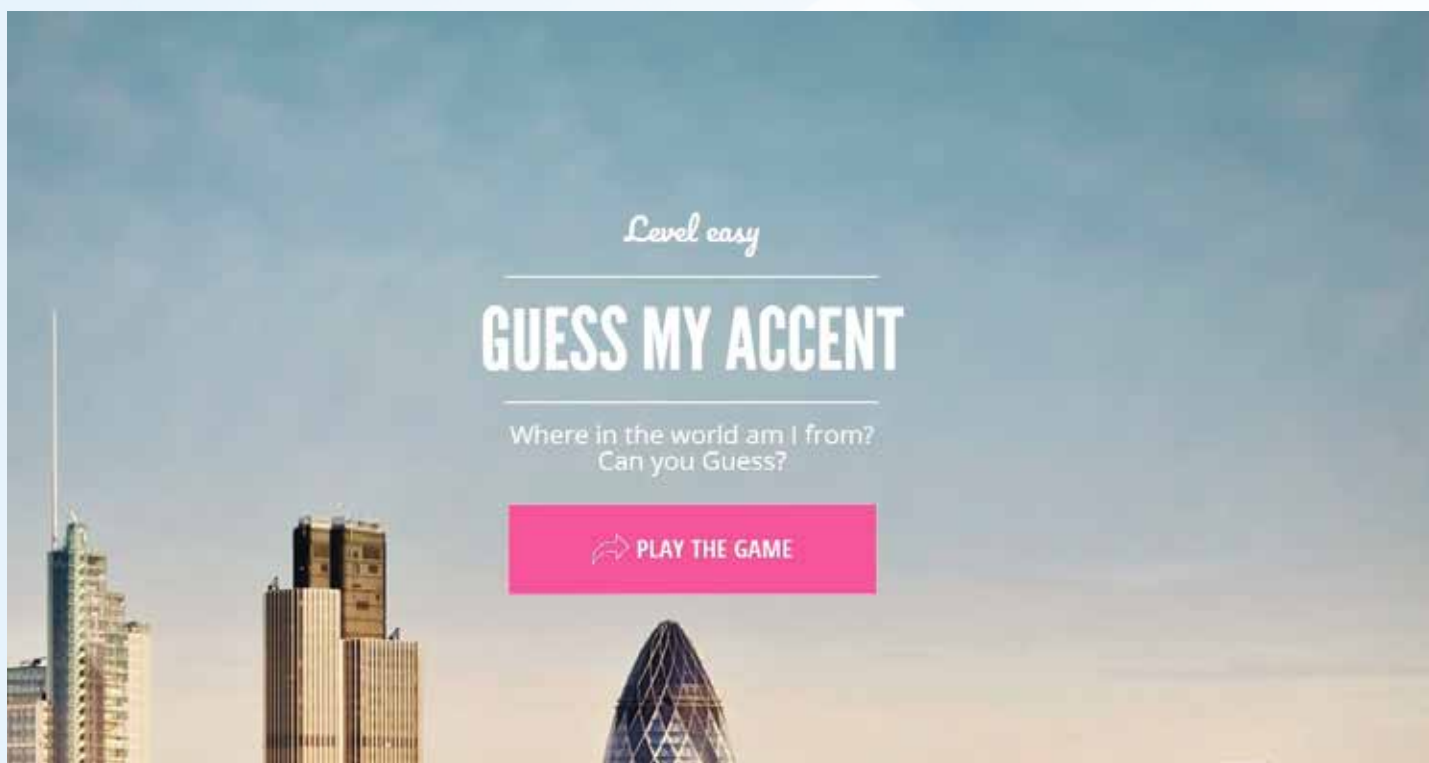
Activity 1

Discuss the questions with your partner.

1. Would you like to change your English accent?
2. How well can you identify the speaker's nationality by their accent?
3. Would you like to speak in a British or American accent?
4. Why do some people try to reduce or change their accent?

Activity 2

Listen to the speakers and identify their nationality based on their accent.



Activity 3

Which of these opinions are true for you? Discuss and comment with your partner.

1. It is important to learn to speak English without accent from your own language.
2. Having the right accent helps your career.
3. In my country, you can define the person's background by their accent.
4. I would pay big money to change/ reduce my accent.
5. There are accents in my own language that I find quite funny.
6. Accents are one of the most difficult parts of understanding English.
7. I want to speak with an accent that doesn't tell where I'm from.
8. Accent doesn't matter as long as you have correct pronunciation and people can understand you.

Activity 4

a) Watch the video and fill in the table with the names of places/accents.



Accent	Description

b) Now watch the video again. Write down the adjectives used to describe each accent.

Activity 5

How well can you understand the Scottish accent? Watch the video and complete the sentences:



1. The short man thinks his companion's American accent _____.
2. The short man plans to keep saying 'eleven' until _____.
3. The tall man won't say 'please' because _____.