Understanding French accent (a worksheet)

Activity 1

Which sentences are TRUE for you. Explain why.

- 1. I can speak several languages fluently.
- 2. I have a strong Russian accent.
- 3. I've no troubles with trying to reduce my accent when speaking English.
- 4. I can easily fake different accents: British, American, German etc.
- 5. I assume that a British accent is more acceptable around the world.
- 6. Accents are one of the most difficult parts of understanding English.
- 7. I find it really hard to understand French people speaking English.

Activity 2

Complete the second column of the table.

	How should it be pronounced?	How do the French pronounce it?
1. Sound /p/		
2. th		
3. /z/ and /s/		
4. Sound /h/		
5. Other and bUdget		
6. /i/ and /i:/ /u/ and /u:/		

Watch the video and complete the third column of the table.



Activity 3

<u>Listen</u> and write down what she says	

Activity 4

Read with a French accent.

Student A

- 1. Harry the hungry, hungry hippo is happily eating ham in his house.
- **2.** I saw Susie sitting in a shoe shine shop. Where she sits she shines, and where she shines she sits.
- **3.** Three thin thieves thought a thousand thoughts.

Now if three thin thieves thought a thousand thoughts how many thoughts did each thief think?

Student B

1. Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.

A peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers Where's the peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked?

- **2.** Larry sent the latter a letter later.
- **3.** Strict vegans eat beet chips with bean dip, and keep meat and fish dishes out of reach.

Activity 5

Discuss the questions with your partner.

- 1. What images are in your mind when you hear the word "accent"?
- 2. What do you think of a French accent?
- 3. What is your favourite accent?
- 4. What's the best way to study pronunciation?
- 5. Have you ever met people speaking such a strong accent that you couldn't understand them?
- 6. Why do people have different accents?

Homework

Read the article and write down 5 sentences with main ideas from it.

