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American woman wakes up with British accent

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THE ARTICLE

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Sources: https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/to-your-health/wp/2018/02/12/an-american-says-she-fell-asleep-with-a-headache-and-woke-up-with-a-british-accent/?utm_term=.83702325e4cf
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WARM-UPS

1. ACCENTS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about accents. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

foreign accent / syndrome / headache / perplexed / journalists / difficult / forever / disorder / strokes / traumatic / language center / rhythm / stress / pronunciation

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. PRONUNCIATION: Students A **strongly** believe pronunciation is one of the easiest parts of learning English; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. ENGLISH: What is your advice to study these? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Ideas	Why they work
Pronunciation		
Grammar		
Writing		
Vocabulary		
Speaking		
Reading		

5. LANGUAGE: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "language". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. ACCENT: Rank these with your partner. Put the best accent at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- British English
- American English
- Singlish
- Indian English
- Australian
- Irish
- South African
- Scottish

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------------|--|
| 1. diagnosed | a. Continued to exist, especially after other similar or related people or things have ceased to exist. |
| 2. syndrome | b. So painful or intense as to block out everything else. |
| 3. blinding | c. A group of physical or mental features which consistently happen together, or a condition characterized by a set of related features. |
| 4. perplexed | d. Accept a new and painful or difficult event or situation. |
| 5. remained | e. Found and identified an illness or other problem. |
| 6. struggling | f. Completely unable to understand and puzzled. |
| 7. come to terms with | g. Really trying to do something in the face of difficulty or resistance. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 8. disorder | h. Differs in size, amount, degree, or nature from something else of the same general kind. |
| 9. typically | i. A specialist in the anatomy, functions, and organic disorders of nerves and the nervous system. |
| 10. traumatic | j. A person born in a specified place or associated with a place by birth, whether subsequently resident there or not. |
| 11. varies | k. In most cases; usually. |
| 12. native | l. A sudden disabling attack or loss of consciousness caused by an interruption in the flow of blood to the brain. |
| 13. neurologist | m. A state of confusion. |
| 14. stroke | n. Emotionally disturbing or distressing. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1802/180215-british-accent.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. Foreign Accent Syndrome is a fairly common condition. **T / F**
- b. Doctors said a headache was the cause of the woman's British accent. **T / F**
- c. The woman has also had Australian and Irish accents. **T / F**
- d. The woman has not yet accepted that her accent has changed. **T / F**
- e. Foreign Accent Syndrome affects the language center of the brain. **T / F**
- f. Foreign Accent Syndrome always completely changes someone's accent. **T / F**
- g. Foreign Accent Syndrome was discovered 200 years ago. **T / F**
- h. A Japanese man woke up with a Korean accent. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. diagnosed | a. illness |
| 2. remained | b. recorded |
| 3. perplexed | c. happens |
| 4. condition | d. stayed |
| 5. come to terms with | e. damaging |
| 6. occurs | f. differs |
| 7. traumatic | g. identified |
| 8. varies | h. uncommon |
| 9. documented | i. puzzled |
| 10. rare | j. accept |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|----------------------------|
| 1. diagnosed with the rare | a. documented in 1907 |
| 2. went to bed with a blinding | b. with the fact |
| 3. she has woken up speaking a variety | c. center of our brain |
| 4. I have come to terms | d. brain injuries |
| 5. I realize it's part | e. Foreign Accent Syndrome |
| 6. strokes or traumatic | f. with a foreign accent |
| 7. damage the language | g. of accents before |
| 8. sounds like it is tinged | h. of me now |
| 9. The condition was first | i. patient |
| 10. One of these was a Japanese stroke | j. headache |

GAP FILL

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remained
variety
struggling
diagnosed
terms
perplexed
condition
blinding

Foreign Accent Syndrome (FAS) is a (9) _____ that typically occurs after strokes or (10) _____ brain injuries that damage the language center of our brain. It varies in the (11) _____ to which it affects someone's language and accent. In some cases, someone's native language sounds like it is (12) _____ with a foreign accent; in other instances, (13) _____, stress and pronunciation can completely change. The condition was first (14) _____ in 1907 by French neurologist Pierre Marie. It is a relatively (15) _____ condition. Only about 60 cases of FAS have been documented over the past century. One of these was a Japanese (16) _____ patient who woke up sounding Korean, even though he had never been to Korea.

tinged
stroke
degree
documented
disorder
rhythm
traumatic
rare

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) An American woman has been diagnosed with the rare _____
 - a. Foreigner Accent Syndrome
 - b. Foreigners Accent Syndrome
 - c. Foreign Accent Syndrome
 - d. Foreignness Accent Syndrome
- 2) Michelle Myers, 45, said that in 2015 she went to bed with a " _____ "
 - a. blinding headache
 - b. blinking headache
 - c. binding headache
 - d. binning headache
- 3) Ms Myers said she has woken up speaking a variety _____
 - a. of accents before
 - b. off accents before
 - c. over accents before
 - d. over-accent before
- 4) These disappeared after two weeks but the UK accent _____
 - a. has rim mined
 - b. has ream aimed
 - c. has remind
 - d. has remained
- 5) I have come to terms with the fact that I might _____ forever
 - a. sounds like this
 - b. sound like this
 - c. sounded like this
 - d. sounding like this
- 6) a disorder that typically occurs after strokes or _____ injuries
 - a. trauma tick brain
 - b. trawl matt tick brain
 - c. traumatic brain
 - d. traumatise brain
- 7) It varies in the degree to which it affects someone's _____ accent
 - a. language and
 - b. languages and
 - c. language arts and
 - d. language lab and
- 8) In some cases, someone's native language sounds like it is _____ foreign accent
 - a. tinged wither
 - b. tinge with a
 - c. tin jade with a
 - d. tinged with a
- 9) The condition was first documented in 1907 by _____ Pierre Marie
 - a. French neurology
 - b. French neurologist
 - c. French neurology is
 - d. French neurologists
- 10) One of these was a Japanese stroke patient who woke _____ Korean
 - a. up sound in
 - b. up sanding
 - c. up thousand
 - d. up sounding

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1802/180215-british-accent.html>

1. What is the name of the condition the woman was diagnosed with?
2. What did the woman go to be with before her accent changed?
3. What other accents did the woman temporarily have?
4. How long has the woman had the British accent?
5. How does the woman feel about having the British accent forever?
6. What part of the brain does the condition affect?
7. What can the condition change besides rhythm and stress?
8. When was the condition first documented?
9. How many cases of the condition have been documented?
10. How did a Japanese man wake up sounding?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1802/180215-british-accent.html>

- 1) What is the name of the condition the woman was diagnosed with?
 - a) Accent Change Disorder
 - b) Accent Reduction Symptom
 - c) Foreign Accent Syndrome
 - d) British Accent Disorder
- 2) What did the woman go to bed with before her accent changed?
 - a) a really bad headache
 - b) a cup of warm milk
 - c) a "learn a British accent" book
 - d) her teddy bear
- 3) What other accents did the woman temporarily have?
 - a) English and Welsh
 - b) Austrian and Scottish
 - c) Canadian and Irish
 - d) Australian and Irish
- 4) How long has the woman had the British accent?
 - a) a year
 - b) since 2015
 - c) a month or two
 - d) since she was a child
- 5) How does the woman feel about having the British accent forever?
 - a) she doesn't know yet
 - b) she loves it
 - c) she has accepted it
 - d) she hates it
- 6) What part of the brain does the condition affect?
 - a) the back part
 - b) the language center
 - c) the front part
 - d) the middle
- 7) What can the condition change besides rhythm and stress?
 - a) intonation
 - b) phonemes
 - c) vowels
 - d) pronunciation
- 8) When was the condition first documented?
 - a) 1868
 - b) 1907
 - c) 1917
 - d) 1997
- 9) How many cases of the condition have been documented?
 - a) more than 60
 - b) exactly 60
 - c) just fewer than 60
 - d) around 60
- 10) How did a Japanese man wake up sounding?
 - a) Peruvian
 - b) French
 - c) American
 - d) Korean

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1802/180215-british-accent.html>

Role A – British English

You think British English is the best kind of English. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their kinds of English. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): American English, Australian English or Indian English.

Role B – American English

You think American English is the best kind of English. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their kinds of English. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): British English, Australian English or Indian English.

Role C – Australian English

You think Australian English is the best kind of English. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their kinds of English. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): American English, British English or Indian English.

Role D – Indian English

You think Indian English is the best kind of English. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their kinds of English. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): American English, Australian English or British English.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1802/180215-british-accent.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'foreign' and 'accent'.

foreign	accent
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• rare• bed• before• condition• hard• part	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• occurs• damage• tinged• 1907• 60• never
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ACCENTS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about accents in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

ACCENTS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'accent'?
3. What do you think of your accent?
4. What do you think of Foreign Accent Syndrome?
5. What is your favourite accent?
6. What do you think of the British accent?
7. Why do we have different accents?
8. Would you prefer to speak with a British or American accent?
9. How would you feel if your accent suddenly changed?
10. What have other people said about your accent?

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ACCENTS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'foreign'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How proud are you of your accent?
15. What do you know about the brain's language center?
16. What changes would you like to make to your accent?
17. How can an accent affect your lifestyle?
18. What's the best way to study pronunciation?
19. What do you know about neurology?
20. What questions would you like to ask the lady?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) diagnosis | (b) diagnosed | (c) diagnostic | (d) diagnose |
| 2. | (a) binding | (b) blinding | (c) blander | (d) bending |
| 3. | (a) remand | (b) remind | (c) remade | (d) remained |
| 4. | (a) perpendicular | (b) perplexed | (c) perpetuate | (d) Perspex |
| 5. | (a) straggling | (b) struggling | (c) staggering | (d) staging |
| 6. | (a) reality | (b) really | (c) realize | (d) realism |
| 7. | (a) climactic | (b) dramatist | (c) traumatic | (d) didactic |
| 8. | (a) certificate | (b) license | (c) degree | (d) diploma |
| 9. | (a) tuned | (b) tingled | (c) tangled | (d) tinged |
| 10. | (a) documentation | (b) documentary | (c) document | (d) documented |
| 11. | (a) relatively | (b) comparative | (c) restrictive | (d) adaptive |
| 12. | (a) sounder | (b) sounded | (c) sounds | (d) sounding |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. egsnoaidd with the rare Foreign Accent Syndrome
2. She was totally erpxelpde
3. Myers told juionlssatr
4. she found her toocidnni really difficult
5. I was really ngtigrgusl
6. I learize it's part of me

Paragraph 2

7. a disorder that pillcatyy occurs
8. trmaiucat brain injuries
9. tdgnie with a foreign accent
10. rmyhth, stress and pronunciation
11. French tiueslnoogr Pierre Marie
12. a ltreeviayl rare condition

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- (**1**) An American woman has been diagnosed with the rare Foreign Accent Syndrome. The woman, Michelle Myers,
- () 45, said that in 2015 she went to bed with a "blinding headache" and woke up with a
- () difficult to begin with". She said: "It was hard because I was really struggling. I have come to
- () injuries that damage the language center of our brain. It varies in the degree to which it affects someone's language and accent. In some
- () stress and pronunciation can completely change. The condition was first documented in 1907 by
- () patient who woke up sounding Korean, even though he had never been to Korea.
- () terms with the fact that I might sound like this forever. I realize it's part of me now."
- () of accents before. She was totally perplexed at waking up and speaking with an Australian or Irish accent. These disappeared after
- () French neurologist Pierre Marie. It is a relatively rare condition. Only about 60
- () cases of FAS have been documented over the past century. One of these was a Japanese stroke
- () cases, someone's native language sounds like it is tinged with a foreign accent; in other instances, rhythm,
- () two weeks but the UK accent has remained. Myers told journalists that she found her condition, "really
- () British accent. The accent has remained with her ever since. Ms Myers said she has woken up speaking a variety
- () Foreign Accent Syndrome (FAS) is a disorder that typically occurs after strokes or traumatic brain

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. The with her accent has remained since . ever
2. has a up variety woken speaking of She accents .
3. was up . totally waking She at perplexed
4. terms the I have with to fact . come
5. it's now . realize I me of part
6. disorder A after occurs typically strokes . that
7. brain . that damage the center Injuries of our language
8. a like it tinged foreign with accent . is Sounds
9. 60 have about been FAS documented . Only of cases
10. of a stroke was One patient . these Japanese

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1802/180215-british-accent.html>

An American woman has been *diagnosis / diagnosed* with the rare Foreign Accent Syndrome. The woman, Michelle Myers, 45, said that in 2015 she went to bed with a "*blinding / blinking* headache" and woke up with a British accent. The accent has *remain / remained* with her ever since. Ms Myers said she has woken up speaking a *variety / varied* of accents before. She was totally *perplexed / perspired* at waking up and speaking with an Australian or Irish accent. These *disappeared / disappearance* after two weeks but the UK accent has *remind / remained*. Myers told journalists that she found her condition, "really difficult to begin *for / with*". She said: "It was hard because I was really struggling. I have come to *terms / teams* with the fact that I might sound like this forever. I *realign / realize* it's part of me now."

Foreign Accent Syndrome (FAS) is a disorder that *typical / typically* occurs after strokes or *traumatic / trauma* brain injuries that damage the language center of our brain. It *varieties / varies* in the degree to which it *effects / affects* someone's language and accent. In some *cases / case*, someone's native language sounds like it is *tinged / tingled* with a foreign accent; in other instances, rhythm, stress and pronunciation can *complete / completely* change. The condition was first documented in 1907 by French neurologist Pierre Marie. It is a relatively *bare / rare* condition. Only about 60 cases of FAS have been documented *over / off* the past century. One of these was a Japanese stroke patient who woke up sounding Korean, *even / ever* though he had never been to Korea.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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A n A m_r_c_n w_m_n h_s b__ n d__ g n_s_d w_t h
t h_ r_r_ F_r__ g n A c c_n t S y n d r_m_. T h_
w_m_n, M_c h_l_l M y_r_s, 4 5, s__ d t h_t _n 2
0 1 5 s h_ w_n t t_ b_d w_t h _ " b l_n d_n g h__
d_c h_" _n d w_k__ p w_t h _ B r_t_s h _c c_n t. T
h_ _c c_n t h_s r_m__ n_d w_t h h_r _v_r s_n c_.
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v_r__ t y _f _c c_n t_s b_f_r_. S h_ w_s t_t_l_l y p_r
p l_x_d _t w_k_n g _p _n d s p__ k_n g w_t h _n
A_s t_r_l__ n _r I_r_s h _c c_n t. T h_s_ d_s_p_p__ r_d
_f t_r t w_ w__ k_s b_t t h_ U K _c c_n t h_s
r_m__ n_d. M y_r_s t_l_d j__ r_n_l_s_t_s t h_t s h_
f__ n_d h_r c_n d_t__ n, " r__ l_l y d_f f_c_l_t t_
b_g_n w_t h". S h_ s__ d: " I t w_s h_r d b_c__
s_ I w_s r__ l_l y s_t_r_g_g_l_n g. I h_v_ c_m_ t_
t_r m_s w_t h t h_ f_c t t h_t I m_g h_t s__ n d
l_k_ t h_s f_r_v_r. I r__ l_z_ _t 's p_r t _f m_
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p_s_t c_n t_r_y. O_n_ f t h_s_ w_s _ J_p_n_s_ s_t
r_k_ p_t__ n_t w h_ w_k__ p s__ n_d_n_g K_r__ n,
_v_n t h__ g h h_ h_d n_v_r b__ n t_ K_r__.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1802/180215-british-accent.html>

an american woman has been diagnosed with the rare foreign accent syndrome the woman michelle myers 45 said that in 2015 she went to bed with a blinding headache and woke up with a british accent the accent has remained with her ever since ms myers said she has woken up speaking a variety of accents before she was totally perplexed at waking up and speaking with an australian or irish accent these disappeared after two weeks but the uk accent has remained myers told journalists that she found her condition really difficult to begin with she said it was hard because i was really struggling i have come to terms with the fact that i might sound like this forever i realize its part of me now

foreign accent syndrome fas is a disorder that typically occurs after strokes or traumatic brain injuries that damage the language center of our brain it varies in the degree to which it affects someones language and accent in some cases someones native language sounds like it is tinged with a foreign accent in other instances rhythm stress and pronunciation can completely change the condition was first documented in 1907 by french neurologist pierre marie it is a relatively rare condition only about 60 cases of fas have been documented over the past century one of these was a japanese stroke patient who woke up sounding korean even though he had never been to korea.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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An American woman has been diagnosed with the rare Foreign Accent Syndrome. The woman, Michelle Myers, 45, said that in 2015 she went to bed with a "blinding headache" and woke up with a British accent. The accent has remained with her ever since. Ms Myers said she has woken up speaking a variety of accents before. She was totally perplexed at waking up and speaking with an Australian or Irish accent. These disappeared after two weeks but the UK accent has remained. Myers told journalists that she found her condition, "really difficult to begin with". She said: "It was hard because I was really struggling. I have come to terms with the fact that I might sound like this forever. I realize it's part of me now." Foreign Accent Syndrome (FAS) is a disorder that typically occurs after strokes or traumatic brain injuries that damage the language center of the brain. It varies in the degree to which it affects someone's language and accent. In some cases, someone's native language sounds like it is tinged with a foreign accent; in other instances, rhythm, stress and pronunciation can completely change. The condition was first documented in 1907 by French neurologist Pierre Marie. It is a relatively rare condition. Only about 60 cases of FAS have been documented over the past century. One of these was a Japanese stroke patient who woke up sounding Korean, even though he had never been to Korea.

ACADEMIC WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1802/180215-british-accent.html>

An accent can be a help and a hindrance to us. Discuss. What do you think of your accent? Has it helped you?

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. ACCENTS: Make a poster about accents. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. BRITISH ACCENT: Write a magazine article about the British accent being the best in the world and the one students studying English should learn. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on accents. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on how accents can change our life. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. e 2. c 3. b 4. f 5. a 6. g 7. d
8. m 9. k 10. n 11. h 12. j 13. i 14. l

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b F c T d F e F f F g T h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1. diagnosed | a. identified |
| 2. remained | b. stayed |
| 3. perplexed | c. puzzled |
| 4. condition | d. illness |
| 5. come to terms with | e. accept |
| 6. occurs | f. happens |
| 7. traumatic | g. damaging |
| 8. varies | h. differs |
| 9. documented | i. recorded |
| 10. rare | j. uncommon |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Foreign Accent Syndrome
2. A blinding headache
3. Australian and Irish
4. Since 2015
5. She has come to terms with it
6. The language center
7. Pronunciation
8. 1907
9. About 60
10. Korean

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. The accent has remained with her ever since.
2. She has woken up speaking a variety of accents.
3. She was totally perplexed at waking up.
4. I have come to terms with the fact.
5. I realize it's part of me now.
6. A disorder that typically occurs after strokes.
7. Injuries that damage the language center of our brain.
8. Sounds like it is tinged with a foreign accent.
9. Only about 60 cases of FAS have been documented.
10. One of these was a Japanese stroke patient.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. d 4. b 5. c 6. b 7. b 8. b 9. d 10. d

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)