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American woman wakes up with British accent

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THE READING

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An American woman has the rare Foreign Accent Syndrome. She went to bed with a huge headache and woke up with a British accent. This happened in 2015. She has woken up with an Australian and Irish accent before. These lasted two weeks but the UK accent stayed. She said her condition was "really difficult to begin with". She said: "I was really struggling. I have come to terms with the fact that I might sound like this forever."

Foreign Accent Syndrome happens after strokes, and injuries that damage the brain's language center. It varies in how it affects accents. In some cases, there is a hint of a foreign accent; in other cases, the accent can totally change. The condition was found in 1907 by a French neurologist. There have been just 60 documented cases over the past century. One of these was a Japanese man who woke up sounding Korean. He had never been to Korea.

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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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. the rare Foreign | a. in 2015 |
| 2. She went to bed with a huge | b. with the fact |
| 3. This happened | c. two weeks |
| 4. These lasted | d. this forever |
| 5. really difficult to | e. headache |
| 6. I was really | f. begin with |
| 7. I have come to terms | g. Accent Syndrome |
| 8. I might sound like | h. struggling |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. injuries that damage the brain's | a. documented cases |
| 2. It varies in how | b. language center |
| 3. a hint | c. to Korea |
| 4. the accent can totally | d. it affects accents |
| 5. found in 1907 by a | e. past century |
| 6. There have been just 60 | f. change |
| 7. over the | g. French neurologist |
| 8. He had never been | h. of a foreign accent |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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An American woman (1) _____ Foreign Accent Syndrome.

She went to bed with a (2) _____ and woke up with a

British accent. This happened in 2015. She (3) _____ with

an Australian and Irish (4) _____. These lasted two weeks

but the UK accent stayed. She said (5) _____ "really

difficult to begin with". She said: "I was really struggling. I have come to

terms with the fact that I might sound (6) _____."

Foreign Accent Syndrome happens after (7) _____ that

damage the brain's language center. It (8) _____ it affects

accents. In some cases, there is (9) _____ a foreign

accent; in other cases, the (10) _____ change. The

condition was found in 1907 by a French neurologist. There have been just

60 documented cases over (11) _____. One of these was a

Japanese man who (12) _____ Korean. He had never been

to Korea.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

