

accent**1. ['æks(ə)nt] n**

1. 1) ударение

to put the accent on the first [last] syllable - делать ударение на первом [последнем] слоге

2) знак ударения (*тж.* accent mark)

2. 1) произношение; акцент

to speak with a foreign [slight, strong] accent - говорить с иностранным [лёгким, сильным] акцентом

to speak with a perfect accent - а) прекрасно говорить, иметь хорошее произношение; б) говорить без всякого акцента

2) иностранный акцент

3) *обыкн. рл* индивидуальные речевые особенности (*картавость, построение фразы и т. п.*); выговор3. *рл поэт.* слова; язык

in the tender accents of love - нежным языком любви

4. *разг.* упор; внимание *или* интерес (*к чему-л.*)

to give accent to smth. - подчёркивать /выделять/ что-л.

to put a considerable accent on good manners - придавать особое значение умению вести себя

5. отличительная главная черта, отличительный признак

the accent of Beethoven - отличительная особенность музыки Бетховена

6. *рл* отделка

a blue dress with white accents - синее платье с белой отделкой

7. *муз.* акцент8. *стих.* ритмическое ударение9. *спец.* штрих, «прим» (*при символе*)**2. [ək'sent] v**

1. делать ударение; произносить с ударением

to accent the first syllable - делать ударение на первом слоге

2. ставить знаки ударения

3. 1) выразительно произносить, выговаривать

2) *преим. амер.* подчёркивать, акцентировать

the President accented the gravity of the situation - президент подчеркнул серьёзность положения

4. *муз.* акцентировать, выделять**accent**

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ac-cent [accent accents accented accenting] noun, verbnoun *BrE* ['æksent] ^m; *NAmE* ['æksent] ^m *BrE* ['æksənt] ^m; *NAmE* ['æksənt] ^m**1.** a way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which country, area or social class a person comes from

- a northern/Dublin/Indian/Scottish accent
- a **strong/broad accent** (= one that is very noticeable)
- She spoke English **with an accent**.

compare ↑dialect**2.** the emphasis that you should give to part of a word when saying it**Syn:** ↑stress

- In 'today' the accent is on the second syllable.

3. a mark on a letter to show that it should be pronounced in a particular way

- Canapé has an accent on the 'é'.

4. singular a special importance that is given to sth**Syn:** ↑emphasis

- In all our products **the accent is on** quality.

Word Origin:late Middle English (in the sense 'intonation'): from Latin **accentus** 'tone, signal, or intensity' (from **ad-** 'to' + **cantus** 'song'), translating Greek **prosōidia** 'a song sung to music, intonation'.Culture:**Received Pronunciation**Received Pronunciation, often called **RP**, is the accent that is widely accepted as the standard accent in British English. Although only about 5% of British people speak with an RP accent, it is considered the correct form of speech. Pronunciations given in most dictionaries are RP, or an adapted form of it.RP is a social accent not linked to any particular region of Britain, though it developed originally from the form of ↑Middle English spoken around London. At that time London was the economic centre of England and the place where people were trained for professions such as the law. From the 15th century it became a centre for publishing. RP was the accent of upper-class people, and of the most highly educated people. The connection between RP and education was important in establishing the accent. People became increasingly conscious of accent and by the late 19th century it was considered necessary to adopt RP and lose any trace of a regional accent in order to have a successful career, especially in the army or government. RP was spread among children of the upper and upper middle classes through the ↑public school system. Others took **elocution** lessons in order to learn to speak 'properly'. Later, RP was taught in state schools. The ↑public school accent and the **Oxford accent**, the accent adopted by some members of ↑Oxford University, which many former public school pupils attended, are now considered by many to be rather artificial.The RP spoken by members of the upper class, including the ↑royal family, is called **advanced RP** or **marked RP**. Many people

think that, like the Oxford accent, it sounds **affected**. It may be described as 'clipped' if it is spoken with a tight mouth, or 'plummy' if it sounds as though the speaker had a plum in his or her mouth. The vowel sounds of marked RP are distinctive, for example the 'a' in **sat** sounds more like the 'e' in **set**, the short 'o' in **cost** sounds like the long 'o' in **for**, and **really** and **rarely** sound the same.

The status of RP was strengthened in the 1920s after the **BBC** began radio broadcasts. For a long time announcers spoke with RP accents, and the accent became known as the **BBC accent**. Standard English, the form of English grammar considered correct, is, when spoken with an RP accent, sometimes called **BBC English**, **Oxford English**, or **the Queen's/King's English**. Today the BBC uses announcers with regional accents although very strong regional accents are avoided because they would be difficult for many listeners to understand. Speakers with slight Scottish or Welsh accents are often chosen because these accents are considered more classless than English regional accents on the one hand or RP on the other. Most educated people now speak a modified form of RP with some regional variation.

Thesaurus:

accent noun C, U

- a broad/strong Scottish accent

voice • **pronunciation** • **phonetics** **intonation** •

• speak in a ... accent/voice

• have (a/an) **excellent/good/poor** accent/pronunciation/intonation

• (a/an) **English/foreign** accent/pronunciation/intonation

Example Bank:

- He lost his accent after moving to the capital.
- He spoke with a cut-glass English accent.
- Her French was excellent, without a trace of an accent.
- She had a pronounced Scottish accent.
- She put on a Southern accent when she answered the phone.
- She spoke in a broad Midlands accent.
- Where are you from? I can't place your accent.
- a tall man with a Canadian accent
- He's got a strong/broad Scottish accent.
- It was a fine performance from Diaz, despite her poor Irish accent.

verb **BrE** [æk'sent] ^{tr} ; **NAmE** [æk'sent] ^{tr} ~ sth

to emphasize a part of sth

- The women **accent** their eyes with make-up.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	accent
	BrE /æk'sent/
	NAmE /æk'sent/
he / she / it	accents
	BrE /æk'sents/
	NAmE /æk'sents/
past simple, past participle	accented
	BrE /æk'sentɪd/
	NAmE /æk'sentɪd/
-ing form	accenting
	BrE /æk'sentɪŋ/
	NAmE /æk'sentɪŋ/

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I. **acˈcent** ¹ /'æksənt \$ 'æksent/ **BrE** ^{tr} **AmE** ^{tr} noun [countable]

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: French; Origin: Latin accentus, from ad- 'to' + cantus 'song']

1. the way someone pronounces the words of a language, showing which country or which part of a country they come from ⇒

dialect:

• He had a strong Irish accent

2. **the accent is on something** if the accent is on a particular quality, feeling etc, special importance is given to it:

• accommodation with the accent on comfort

3. the part of a word that you should emphasize when you say it **SYN stress**

accent on

• In the word 'dinner' the accent is on the first syllable.

4. a written mark used above or below particular letters in some languages to show how to pronounce that letter

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COLLOCATIONS

■ **verbs**

- **have an accent** The man had a Spanish accent.

- **speak with an accent** She spoke with an accent that I couldn't understand.
- **pick up an accent** During his stay in England, he had picked up an English accent.
- **lose your accent** (=no longer speak with an accent) After five years in Europe, Ricky had lost his American accent.
- **put on an accent** (=deliberately speak with a different accent from your usual one) When mum's on the phone, she puts on a funny accent.

ADJECTIVES/NOUN + accent

- **a strong/broad/thick/pronounced accent** (=very noticeable) She spoke with a strong Scottish accent. | a broad Australian accent
- **a slight/faint accent** He has a very slight accent.
- **a French/American etc accent** I noticed that he had a Spanish accent.
- **a New York/London etc accent** The woman had a Chicago accent.
- **a foreign accent** I got a call from a man with a foreign accent.
- **a southern/northern accent** He spoke with a lovely soft southern accent.
- **a regional accent** (=from a particular area of a country) If you have a regional accent, don't try to hide it.
- **an upper-class/middle-class/working-class accent** Sebastian spoke with an upper-class accent.
- **a posh/plummy accent** *British English informal* (=an upper-class accent) a tall man with a posh accent

nouns

- **a hint/trace of an accent** I could detect the hint of a German accent in her voice.

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THESAURUS

different kinds of language

- **dialect** a form of a language that is spoken in one area of a country, with different words, grammar, or pronunciation from other areas: Cantonese is only one of many Chinese dialects. | the local dialect
- **accent** the way that someone pronounces words, because of where they were born or live, or their social class: Karen has a strong New Jersey accent. | an upper class accent
- **slang** very informal spoken language, used especially by people who belong to a particular group, for example young people or criminals: Teenage slang changes all the time. | 'Dosh' is slang for 'money'.
- **terminology** *formal* the technical words or expressions that are used in a particular subject: musical terminology | Patients are often unfamiliar with medical terminology.
- **jargon** *especially disapproving* words and phrases used in a particular profession or subject and which are difficult for other people to understand: The instructions were written in complicated technical jargon. | 'Outsourcing' is business jargon for sending work to people outside a company to do. | The letter was full of legal jargon.

II. **accent**² /ək'sent \$ 'æksent/ *BrE* ² *AmE* ² *verb* [transitive]

1. to make something more noticeable so that people will pay attention to it **SYN highlight:**

Use make-up to accent your cheekbones and eyes.

2. *technical* to emphasize a part of a word in speech

accent

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RANGE: **2k** **ACCENT** ⁷⁸²⁶

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accented ⁷⁰⁷

unaccented ²⁸

accenting ⁶⁸

accents ¹⁵⁰⁰

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