



THE **ACCENT** BANK

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Shoot in Landscape, not Portrait.



Setting your video resolution

Before you begin to record your accent video, it pays to check that you have your camera set to the best resolution for uploading.

The process to set your video resolution differs slightly depending on what device or operating system you are using. Below you will find a few quick video links to help.

Setting the Video Resolution on an iPad or iPhone:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vHec7_Tdp-M

Setting the Video Resolution on an Android Phone or Tablet:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VXYHB1Gn1Xw>

Setting the Video Resolution on a Desktop Computer or Laptop:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tIUmfzgP8N0>

How To Record A Great Video

Do you know how to do a self-tape video? Watch this quick video which lays out what you need to do for a great self-tape, and the best practises for getting that video right.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XFYR__JPPk0

Compressing your video file

Now that you have recorded your video at the right resolution, you need to compress your video file so that it is easy for you to upload and for me to download.

Download this App - **HANDBRAKE**

Compress your file to an MP4 with a file size no bigger than 300mb.

See the video links below for helpful tutorials on how to do this on different devices.

Compressing Video Files on your iPad or iPhone:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Of6ZH-squZw>

Compressing Video Files on an Android Phone or Tablet:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3L3j0UPQxf0>

Compressing Video Files on a Desktop Computer or Laptop:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MLZ3rPzM7pk>

Tips for recording:

- Find a quiet place where you won't be disturbed.
- Turn your phone to 'Airplane/Do Not Disturb' mode so that you don't get interrupted midway through your recording.
- If you are outside, make sure that you get out of any wind as even a mild breeze will completely drown out all talking.
- Try to speak naturally - if you speak too loudly the recording will sound tinny so practice a few times to get a nice sound.

The Accent Bank Script

NOTE: By sending us your video you agree to our terms and conditions of copyright release. Please read, print and sign our **Release Agreement and send it along with your accent video.**

What should you say?

Please familiarise yourself with the Script below before you start recording so that you know what you are saying. **Please try to keep the video under 3 minutes long.**

Before you start recording please think of 5 things that you say that no-one else says, and that is particular to the town or place that you come from. Please keep this PG.

Remember kids might see this. If you can't think of anything please don't worry, just read the script as it is.

At the end of the recording you can include a short promo for yourself, your business, brand, cause, organisation or even just tell us about the wonderful place where you live!

Script:

Please insert your (own personal information) in the first paragraph:

Hello and welcome to The Accent Bank by Sarah Valentine. My name is *(your first name)* and I was born in (say where you were born) and I am proud to come from *(say your town/city, region/area and country where you live and where your accent is from)* and this is my natural accent.

(Please say up to 5 things that only people in your town or country say - if you can't think of anything, don't worry just carry on reading below)

Now I am going to read the following sentences, starting with a tongue-twister.

- Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers; A peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked.
- She sells seashells on the seashore
- I have parked my car near the garage, if you are looking for it, it's a blue Nissan.
- The sun is so hot today, I love summer. I like to go walking on the beach but I also love it when it rains and I'm inside and I can hear it on the roof.

- Would you like a glass of water?
- For breakfast I would love a coffee and could I please have some eggs, two pieces of toast, and some mushrooms?
- I love to eat bananas.
- I don't think that it's a good idea to be rude to people. Kindness is free.
- My favourite animal is a cat but I like dogs too.
- I would love to travel to a few of these cities; London, Paris, New York, Los Angeles, Tokyo, Berlin, Amsterdam, Athens, Lagos, Barcelona, Rome, Dubai, Vancouver, Moscow, Singapore, Sydney, and Dublin.
- Be kind to one another.
- Lastly, if you want to learn accents remember to go to actorsaccentcoach.com.
- Now I'm going to count from 1 to 20 and do the alphabet.

• **Count from 1 - 20** (*1 number per second, so 20 seconds to count*)

One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty

• **Letters & Words:** (*Then please record the following*)

A is for Apple
B is for Banana
C is for Charlie
D is for Dog
E is for Egg
F is for Frog
G is for Gold
H is for Hello
I is for Ice-cream
J is for Joy
K is for King
L is for Lemon
M is for mother

N is for Nut
O is for Orange
P is for Pepper
Q is for Queen
R is for Rose
S is for Sarah
T is for Tomorrow
U is for Umbrella
V is for Valentine
W is for Water
X is for X ray
Y is for Yellow
Z is for Zebra

You can add a short promo for yourself, your business, brand, cause, organisation or even just tell us about where you live!

(THANK YOU SO SO MUCH FOR DOING THIS RECORDING!)

How To Label Your Recordings:

Once you have recorded your video file please ensure you label your recording in the following format:

YourName-Accent.mp4 (For example: JohnnyBloggs-Scottish.mp4)

Once you have completed your recording:

Go to <https://valentine.wetransfer.com> and upload your video file.

NOTE: By sending us your video you agree to our terms and conditions of copyright release. Please read, print and sign this [Release Agreement](#) and email it along with your accent video.

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Signed: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

Once we have received your accent recording you can expect an email confirming whether or not your submission has been approved.

Once your submission has been approved and published on the site you will be notified.

If you experience any issues or have any questions you can [email](#) us, message us or Live Chat with us via our website during business hours.



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