

**Accent Reduction and American English**

**Coaching for Foreign Nationals**

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| **Week** | **Focus Area 1** | **Focus Area 2** |
|  | A as in Apple |  The American "t"- Recently; Clinton; Internet |
|  | th as in thank and th as in those | Vowel "OU" as in about, round, Brown |
|  | V vs W: e.g., very well; farewell | Nasalize your sound - as in Banana, Amanda, Round |
|  | dg: e.g., measure, treasure, or casual  | Word Stress - as in classroom vs large room |
|  | l vs n: e.g., labor vs neighbor | Weak form - as in big man; handbag |
|  | Intonation: musicality in American English | Staircase Method  |
|  | r-controlled vowels: e.g., Girl; Word; World | Thought Group Method |
|  | Linking: e.g., good day; a lot of; because of it | Pitch and Pace Method |
|  | Z: e.g., president; business | American "L" as in Yellow, Billion; Ability |
|  | Dropped sound: e.g., camera; favorite | Reduced Sound - Like it, like him, like her, and like them |
|  | Ben Franklin Approach | Vowel “O” as in Boss, Hot |
|  | Long Vowels vs Short Vowels | American Schwa as in Beautiful, California |