

# NativeAccent v.3 Student Roadmap

## The Curriculum:

NativeAccent assesses your spoken English skills. The Intelligent Tutor program selects topics and exercises that will help you to rapidly improve your spoken English skills.

## Your Study Habits

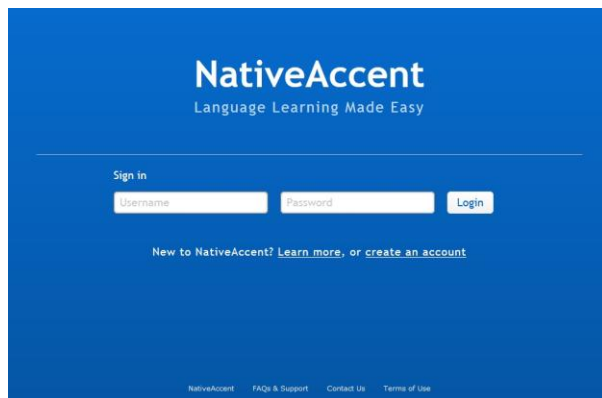
There is a DIRECT relationship between time-on-task and improvement. Study 30-45 minutes per day 5 days per week to gain maximum benefit from using NativeAccent. 2 ½ hours one day a week is not effective.

## Getting Started - Equipment Required

Computer with HTML5 compliant browser (IE9, or the latest Chrome, Firefox or Safari browsers), High Speed Internet connectivity, USB Headset with noise cancelling microphone is *strongly recommended*. The built-in microphone on a notebook computer will not work reliably). iPad and Android devices are not supported at this time.

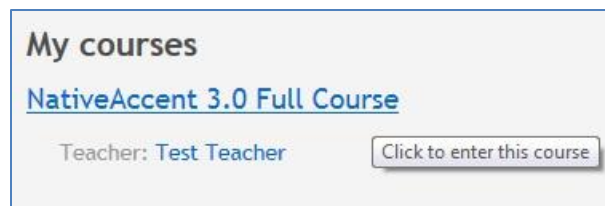
**Student Tutorial:** <http://portal.sliderocket.com/AE/VNH/NativeAccent-v.3.0-Student-Orientation>

**Logging in:** Go to the NativeAccent v.3 web portal at <http://nativeaccent3.carnegiespeech.com>



*Enter username and password provided by your teacher*

You will be brought to the course selection page.



*Select the Course name*

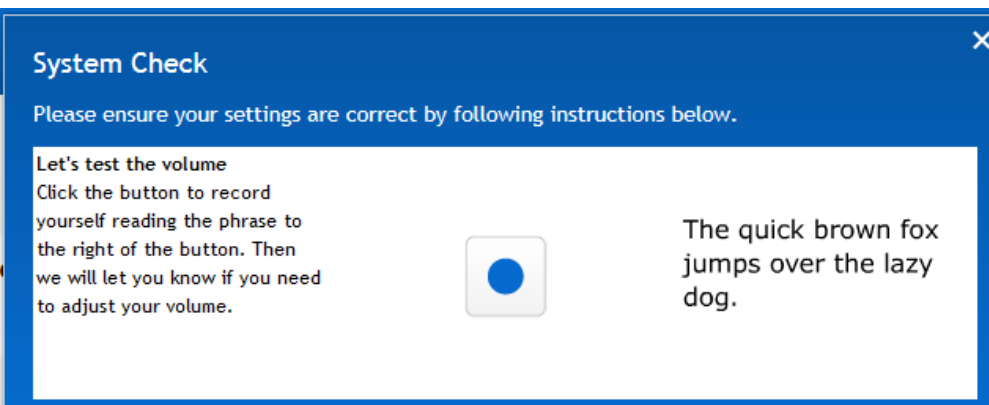
**Sound Check** - to set the sound level on your computer, follow the manufacturer's recommendations.

There will be an automatic system check to ensure your microphone is properly adjusted in Adobe Flash®



*The first time you login, you will be instructed to "Allow" and "Remember" in the privacy settings.. If the flash player settings do not appear, right click anywhere in the system check window*

## Microphone Volume Settings



*Read the provided script in a normal tone of voice. If your recording volume is set correctly, you will be moved on to the assessment. If the sound level on your microphone requires adjustment the recording volume dashboard will appear. The microphone volume meter should NEVER be in the red zone*

### Secrets of Success:

Place microphone about 2 finger widths from and slightly below your mouth. This will ensure that the microphone picks up the soft sounds without distortion caused by your breath.

Speak into the microphone as if you are talking to a friend.



## Getting Started – Review the course outline and Click the “Get Started” button

Welcome, to NativeAccent, David01. We're going to,

**See your Skills.**  
Pronunciation ★★★★★ 100%  
Grammar ★★★★★ 97%  
Word Stress ★★★★★ 95%  
Fluency ★★★★★ 98%

Complete a set of exercises to help us assess your current skill level.

**Practice Lessons.**  
there  
Nice Job!

Practice with an individualized lesson plan that best supports your learning

**Get Results.**  
98%  
Grammar

View your progress over time, across assessments and for each lesson.

**Get Started!**

## Take the Assessment

Assessment ↑ Save & Quit

Exercise 1 of 89

Record yourself reading the item below.

Measure the actors and clothe them in casual shirts and trousers.

Record Yourself Next Search Settings Camera

*The first activity for students is to complete the assessment. Try to complete the assessment in one session. This will usually take about an hour. If you cannot complete the assessment in one session, click the “Save & Quit” button and finish the Assessment when you next log in.*

*When you do complete the assessment click the “Save & Quit” button. You will be presented with a report of your skill levels in each of the curricular areas: pronunciation, words stress, fluency and grammar. To move to the Intelligent Tutor curriculum, click “Go to Lesson Plan”.*

Congratulations CS !

Now that you've completed your first set of exercises, we've created a personalized lesson plan for you to get started on.

Pronunciation ★★★★★ 53%  
Grammar ★★★★★ 46%  
Word Stress ★★★★★ 64%  
Fluency ★★★★★ 55%

**Go to Lesson Plan**

## The Intelligent Tutor – curriculum that is customized just for you!

NativeAccent David02 Oberlin Search...

Pronunciation ☆☆☆☆ Grammar ☆☆☆☆ Word Stress ☆☆☆☆ Fluency ☆☆☆☆

Grammar Lessons Native Language :: English

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

*When you have completed your assessment, you will be taken to the Intelligent Tutor, a personal lesson plan based on those skills in greatest need of improvement. A limited number of exercises appear. Begin with the first lesson and follow the curriculum path. **More lessons will unlock, as you are ready.***

## The Lesson Overview - preparing for the lesson

Lesson :: æ - add Estimated Time : 15 min ☆☆☆☆ Save & Quit

Lesson Overview

æ - add

- Tongue is low and toward front of mouth
- Muscles relaxed
- Lips apart and unrounded

Mouth movements Facial movements Word samples

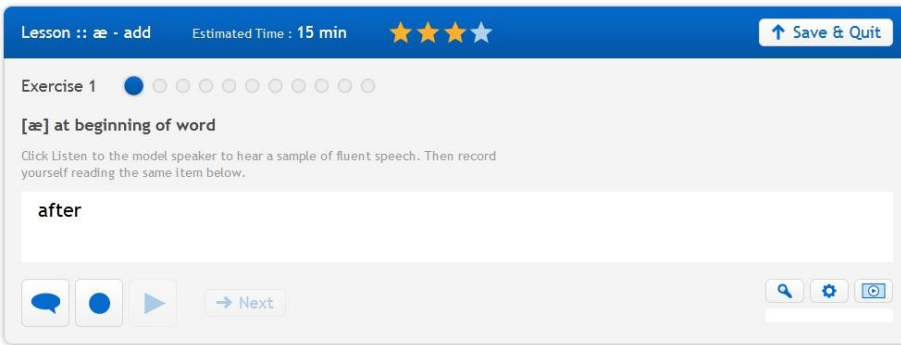
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Start Lesson

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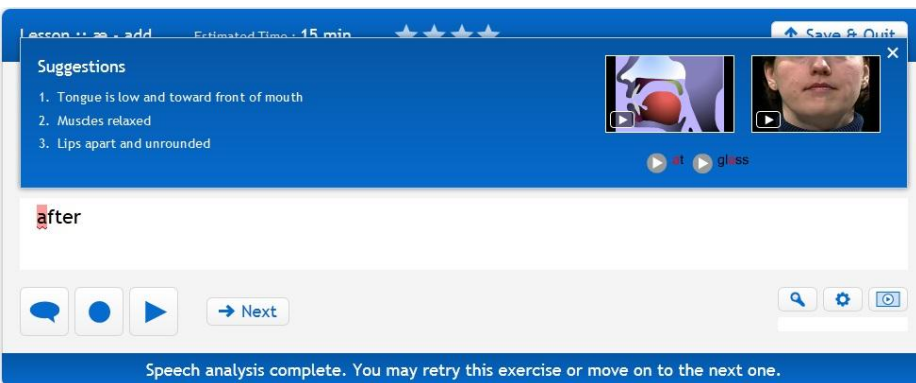
*Read the instructions, watch the animation and video and practice your skills...no feedback provided...then click the Start Lesson button.*

## Start Lesson



Click "Listen to the model speaker" button to hear a sample of fluent speech. Then record yourself reading the item. NativeAccent focuses on one skill at a time, so concentrate your efforts on that one skill.


## Error Correction



The focus sound of the lesson is color coded **green is for "Good"**, **yellow is for "close"** and **red "Needs Improvement"**

If your sound production of the focus sound of the lesson is good, you will be advanced to the next exercise.

If your sound production is "close" or "needs improvement" use the suggestions provided to try different sounds until your skills is coded "Good"

If you are having difficulty with a lesson, click on the fluent speaker button  and your

recording playback button  to compare the model speaker to your recording.

## Course Completion

*At the completion of your intelligent Tutor path you will be asked to take another assessment. If you wish to continue to use NativeAccent, you will be presented with a new curriculum path.*

## About those stars...



Your current skill level is indicated by a system of stars.

- One star is less than 25% current skill level
- Two stars is less than 50% current skill level
- Three stars is less than 80% current skill level
- Four stars is greater than the current skill level set for above 80%

You will gain stars as your skill levels increase!

## Support

*First Line Support is provided by your teacher, local administrator or trainer. If they are unable to help you, send an email to [customercare@carnegiespeech.com](mailto:customercare@carnegiespeech.com) with your name, your username, your email address the date of the event, and as much information about the issue as possible, including a screen-shot of any error message that might have appeared.*