**Speaknic – The Queen’s English**

Regional accents are a nightmare to navigate, for natives as well as students. The most common or clearly understandable form of English is RP – received pronunciation

Uses standard English/Avoids slang and dialect

Reveals background not place – only 2% population have this accent, but most have a mix

History: Until 20th century associated with wealth and power

After WW2 opportunities broadened

Some people will disguise their accent to ‘fit in’

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FyyT2jmVPAk>

Even wordreference has regional accents [www.wordreference.com](http://www.wordreference.com/)

ROUND ONE PRONUNCIATION – What are some difficult words for you?

Say the word to your partner – be conscious of how you move your mouth and tongue – follow the pronunciation guide – NOW try it in a sentence

## **Pay attention to your tongue**

1. Lips – throat

Beat, smile, spread the lips. Boat – like a whistle, lips are pursed

T like TEA or D like David – put your hand on your throat and try

2. Mirror – practise these at home with a mirror or use: Tflat Speak English pronunciation <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.tflat.phatamtienganh&hl=en_US> [https://www.howmanysyllables.com](https://www.howmanysyllables.com/)

3. Record yourself - <https://www.podomatic.com/> [www.vocaroo.com](http://www.vocaroo.com/)

[www.clarisketch.com](http://www.clarisketch.com/) <http://get-puppet.co/>

5. International phonetic alphabet - <https://www.antimoon.com/how/pronunc-soundsipa.htm> <http://www.onestopenglish.com/skills/pronunciation/phonemic-chart-and-app/> and <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.macmillan.app.soundsfree&rdid=com.macmillan.app.soundsfree>

<http://www.photransedit.com/Online/Text2Phonetics.aspx>

6. Compare different sounds/words – minimal pairs <http://www.manythings.org/e/pronunciation.html> <https://www.learnthat.org/> use [www.readlang.com](http://www.readlang.com/)

7. Stress and intonation – which part of the word do you say louder and longer, for example present, address

[www.wordreference.com](http://www.wordreference.com/)

Tongue twisters - A proper copper coffee pot / Six thick thistle sticks. Six thick thistles stick /

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.firstapp.robinpc.tongue_twisters_deluxe&hl=en_US>

Sing – [www.lyricstraining.com](http://www.lyricstraining.com/)