

## Accent Detectives

Collaborative Activity between students of English at the Faculty of Philology, Goce Delcev University, North Macedonia and Faculty of Philology and Arts, University of Kragujevac, Serbia.

- An online activity via Google Meet
- One session (starts with the introduction and explanation of activities) – about 10-15 min.
- Students are then divided into groups of 4-6 (or more depending on the number of attendees) – 4 groups total
- Each group gets their own Google Meet link and they work together on answering the questions (pre-planned by the teachers)
- Students need to assign roles: one should be a writer (write down answers in a Google Doc), another one is an interviewer, another one is an interviewee (at least two interviewees one from Serbia and one from North Macedonia) and one should be the presenter who is supposed to report the results in the end
- After the students are done talking and writing down answers, we all meet again altogether, and we all listen to the results of the interview
- The questions for each group are listed below:

### GROUP I

1. Do you think English pronunciation is important?
2. When did you become aware that pronunciation is/is not important?
3. Did any teacher correct your pronunciation or did anyone comment on your pronunciation in real life? How did you feel about it?

### GROUP II

1. Which English accents do you find the easiest to understand?
2. Do you change your pronunciation depending on who you speak to?
3. Do you think students of English should sound native-like or speak English with a foreign accent?

### GROUP III

1. Do you think Serbian and North Macedonian speakers of English sound similar or different?
2. Are there some pronunciation features typical of speakers of English from your country?

3. Do you think accent affect professional engagement and credibility?

#### GROUP IV

1. Do you think you change your voice when you speak English vs. when you speak your mother tongue?
2. Have you ever had the situation where you misunderstood someone because their pronunciation as not clear? Has it happened to you (that someone did not understand you)?
3. Do you adjust your pronunciation when you speak to people from different countries?

#### **FINAL QUESTION FOR DISCUSSION:**

Did the conversation you had change the way you think about your own English pronunciation and accent? If yes, how?

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Name of the group: \_\_\_\_\_ (be creative)

*Write the names of students for each role:*

*Interviewer:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Writer/Typist:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Interviewees:* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*Presenter:* \_\_\_\_\_

**Important Note:** Regardless of the actually assigned roles, students are encouraged to help each other out to complete the tasks successfully.

**Write the summary of answers to the following questions:**

1. Do you think English pronunciation is important?
2. When did you become aware that pronunciation is/is not important?
3. Did any teacher correct your pronunciation or did anyone comment on your pronunciation in real life? How did you feel about it?

**GOOGLE MEET LINK** for the Session we are doing together in the beginning and in the end

[https://meet.google.com/mrt-cmvp-xvx?authuser=4&hl=en\\_GB](https://meet.google.com/mrt-cmvp-xvx?authuser=4&hl=en_GB)

### **GROUP I**

MEET LINK

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DOC LINK

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MfBqvgd8TqA7CRiWbD7ZCkdM6at3VVeF/edit#heading=h.elxlltwgc1co>

### **GROUP II**

MEET LINK

[https://meet.google.com/snm-kgms-svr?authuser=4&hl=en\\_GB](https://meet.google.com/snm-kgms-svr?authuser=4&hl=en_GB)

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### **GROUP III**

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### **GROUP IV**

MEET LINK

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