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## **Episode #283**

**American or British English  
Which One is for You?**

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In this episode, we'll discuss whether **English learners** should **pick an accent** when they're at an **intermediate level**. And with a short story you will learn grammar in context without any boring rules.

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Hi, everyone! I'm Georgiana, your English teacher, and my mission is to help you speak English fluently.

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Ok, let's start!

When choosing between learning **American** or **British** English, it's **crucial** to think about your **goals** and situation. Here are a few reasons why you might prefer one **accent** over the other:

I'll start by sharing my **experience**. As you may know, I'm also a language learner like you, and I've been learning languages for many years. I've chosen to learn languages by **listening** to a lot of **content**. This method has helped me become **fluent** in several languages, including Spanish.

When I began learning Spanish many years ago, I spent much time **watching** TV shows from South America. This helped me learn new words and understand the language better. Later, I started **listening** to **content** from Spain. At first, I noticed the **accent** was different, but I quickly got used to it because I already had a good **foundation**.

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That's when I realized that **listening** daily is **crucial** when learning a language. I **listened** to many of hours of Spanish **content** before I could speak **fluently**.

So, don't worry too much about which **accent** to choose at this stage. Right now, your main focus should be on **listening**. Listen to **content** that is easy to understand as much as you can.

Also, if you are not completely **fluent**, you should consume **content** designed for English learners. When I record my podcast episodes, I do my best to speak as clearly as possible to help you understand me better.

However, if you want to choose an **accent**, let's briefly discuss why you might select an **American** or **British accent**.

Deciding between **American** and **British English** depends on what you prefer and what works best for your needs. **American English** is understood by many around the world thanks to American media, making it a practical choice for global communication. Plus, **its pronunciation is** often considered **easier for beginners**.

On the other hand, **British English** is valuable if you plan to live or work in the **UK** or in countries historically influenced by **British English**. It's also useful for **academic purposes**, as many prestigious universities are in the **UK**.

Think about your **mother tongue**, too. How we speak our first language can make learning some English **accents** easier. For example, if the sounds in **American English** are similar to those in your language, they might be easier for you to learn. Or,

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you might find **British English** sounds easier. Listen to different English **accents**. This will help you determine which is more similar to how you talk. It's like trying on different shoes to see which ones fit best!

No matter which **accent** you prefer, focusing on **understanding** is essential. Choose podcasts or courses you can easily understand, similar to what I did when learning Spanish. Spend a lot of time **listening** and engaging with this material to improve your English skills. What really matters is your ability to understand and communicate effectively in English.

Great! Let's continue with a Point-of-View Lesson.

# POV-Story

(Learn grammar in context)

I will tell you the same story twice. So make sure to focus on the changes.  
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Okay! Let's start!

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Everybody knew Alejandro for his amazing ability to imitate American accents, so he became a local celebrity. Although he was not from the United States, he could perfectly imitate accents from different states, from the slow drawl of the South to the distinctive Boston tone. His talent was so impressive that he was invited to a famous television program.

In an interview on TV, Alejandro left the audience and the host speechless with his skill. He perfectly imitated everyone from a Californian to a Texan. The audience applauded and laughed at each new impression.

But in the middle of the show, something unexpected happened. A girl from the audience, invited to ask a question, approached the microphone and said to Alejandro with a smile, "How are you?" Alejandro was petrified. His smile faded, and an awkward silence filled the studio. He had no idea how to respond. Despite his talent for accents, Alejandro didn't speak English at all.

The situation went viral. Headlines read, "The accent imitator who didn't know English." Far from being discouraged, Alejandro took this as a sign to improve. He started using Georgiana's English courses, and over time, he not only perfected his accent but also learned the language.

Months later, Alejandro came back to the show, and the girl asked him again, "How are you?" He replied this time with a confident smile and

fluent English, "I'm fantastic, thank you for asking! And how are you?"

**Let's listen to the same story in the present tense from Alejandro's viewpoint:**

Hi! I am Alejandro. I'm known in my hometown for my amazing ability to imitate American accents. I have become a local celebrity because of it. Even though I'm not from the United States, I can perfectly imitate accents from different states, from the slow drawl of the South to the distinctive Boston tone. My talent is so impressive that I have been invited to a famous television program.

In an interview on TV, I leave the audience and the host speechless with my skill. I perfectly imitate everyone from a Californian to a Texan. The audience applauds and laughs at each new impression.

But in the middle of the show, something unexpected happens. A girl from the audience, invited to ask a question, approaches the microphone and says to me with a smile, "How are you?" I am petrified. My smile fades, and an awkward silence fills the studio. I have no idea how to respond. Despite my talent for accents, I don't speak English at all.

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Great! This is the end of this short story.

I like these kinds of stories because they're easy to remember and help a lot with learning English. Humor also makes learning more enjoyable. You can find this method in my [premium courses](https://speakenglishpodcast.com/courses)—take a look at: [SpeakEnglishPodcast.com/courses](https://speakenglishpodcast.com/courses), to get my [premium courses](https://speakenglishpodcast.com/courses). They are designed for **learning by listening**.



Also, if you want to help me, share the podcast with your friends and family. That would mean a lot. Thanks.

See you soon!

Bye! Bye!



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