

## Second Educational Pit Stops:



Modifying accents  
can enhance oral  
communication,  
leading to  
increased confidence,  
poise and self-esteem.

Accents add richness and variety to speech, but they can interfere with optimal functioning both professionally and socially. In this talk, Ms. Cohen will explore the essential skills needed for streamlined, clear, and effective communication between native and non-native speakers of American English. Using vivid illustrations, Ms. Cohen will break down accented speech into its characteristic components and patterns. She will discuss the typical error patterns of select ethnic groups and strategies for modifying them.



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Jyl Cohen is president of the Accent Reduction Training Institute. She has more than 25 years of combined experience as an Accent Modification Coach, Corporate Trainer, Intercultural Communication Consultant, Educator, Speech and Diction Coach, and Speech/ Language Pathologist. She provides individual coaching and group training seminars nationwide. She has successfully modified the accents of clients from 92 different countries, and holds a Master of Arts degree in speech and language therapy from Northwestern University and a Bachelor of Science degree in speech, communication, and psychology from Boston University. She also studied at University of Connecticut and University of California, and holds a California Teaching Credential, Certificates in Intercultural Communication and Counseling Psychology from UC Berkeley.