Overview

Effective communication is the essential first step on the path to success for English language learners, regardless of their background or education. NativeAccent® online English assessment and training software prepares individuals from around the world to speak with, and understand, one another in standard American English.

NativeAccent’s curriculum includes lessons in phonemic pronunciation, word and sentence stress, fluency and grammar that are sequenced for each student based on an online assessment and their native language. Numerous studies have shown that students have improved their English speaking and listening skills by more than 100% in 10 hours of instruction.
NativeAccent® Features

Carnegie Speech achieves these results by combining intelligent tutoring technology with advanced speech recognition in NativeAccent.

• Intelligent tutoring technology has been shown to accelerate learning by a factor of 3 by selecting the key skills needed and presenting lessons matching those needed skills.

• Patented pinpointing technology provides immediate, understandable and actionable error analysis and instruction.

NativeAccent delivers effective spoken English instruction through the following unique features:

• Extensive, detailed curricula in English pronunciation, word and sentence stress, fluency and grammar

• Contrastive language analysis between English and over 63 different native languages. This analysis is used by the intelligent tutor to customize the content of their lessons.

• Precisely pinpointing where speech errors are made in each exercise.

• Remediation to the student gives detailed instructions on exactly how to eliminate errors through text, graphics, video and audio.

• The Intelligent Tutor adjusts the curriculum using the student’s native language skills and individual proficiencies to create the most efficient individualized curriculum.

• Progress reports can be e-mailed to students and teachers on a weekly basis.

• International students can view course instructions in their native language, however all curriculum content is delivered in English.

Performance feedback is updated in real-time for students using easy-to-understand stars.
How it Works

Students begin their NativeAccent® instruction with an integrated assessment of their English pronunciation, word and sentence stress, fluency and grammar skills.

The assessment results are used by the Intelligent Tutor program in NativeAccent® to prescribe lessons prioritized to address each student’s unique learning needs. Instructors or teachers may direct students to specific exercises, or NativeAccent’s Intelligent Tutor can guide students through an individualized learning plan that is dynamically adjusted based on each student’s performance.

NativeAccent is delivered over the World Wide Web to students in classrooms, language labs and anywhere a student has an internet connection and a headset.

Benefits of using NativeAccent®

- Students gain significant improvement in skills in one semester – often over 100%!
- Students receive individualized direct instruction and feedback on their spoken English skills
- Grading is objective
- Students see their improvement and rapidly gain confidence in speaking
- Automated study reminders help students to stay on track with goals
- Teachers have access to all student grades and recordings
- Teachers are able to work with students to overcome individual speech challenges
- Time-on-task is recorded based on actual active learning time
- Automated reporting option informs the teachers of weekly student use
- Carnegie Speech: Intelligent Language Learning Software
Mean Average Percentage Improvement in One Semester

Unique Spoken English Learning Features:

- Targeted speaking curriculum in pronunciation, word stress, fluency and grammar
- Precisely pinpoints where and when speech errors are made
- Student feedback includes detailed text, graphics and audio
- Intelligent Tutor personalizes curriculum for each student’s skills, gender and native language
- Objective results assure consistency across US educational institutions
- Internet accessible for anytime – anywhere access.

Students like NativeAccent®!

In a recent survey, of over 100 students, 91.2% said that it helped them to improve their spoken English skills!

Time-on-task matters!

Students who LIKE an instructional software are more likely to USE that software.

Key Performance Metrics

Language Improvement:

- Speaking and Listening gains of more than 150% in one semester
- Students gain confidence in speaking with others outside their native language group

Technical Requirements:

Browsers:
- Microsoft Internet Explorer
- Mozilla Firefox
- Apple Safari
- Google Chrome

Plug-ins
- Adobe Flash Player 10 or higher

Internet Connection
- Minimum: 30kb / second

Sound
- Headset with flexible boom microphone (important)

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