

Accent Reduction Intensive Private Course: Foundations

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Description:

An intensive accent reduction private course based on the principles of the Lessac System. Instruction also includes general self-teaching principles developed by the instructor. Anticipated Duration: Ten sessions. Afterwards, student can continue with more advanced exercises.

Goals for Attendees:

- 1) To achieve greater understanding of and facility in the pronunciation of consonants.
- 2) To know the distinction among different structural vowels and additional vowels.
- 3) To become familiar with Lessac markings and linking concepts.
- 4) To introduce intonation and general speaking concepts.
- 5) To acquire effective self-teaching techniques.

Text:

The Use and Training of the Human Voice: A Bio-Dynamic Approach to Vocal Life, Third Edition, by Arthur Lessac.

Other Materials:

One-inch binder

Loose-leaf paper or notebook for writing notes

Pencil and pen

A compact mirror (palm-size)

Dictionary (optional)

Assignments:

- Textbook readings.
- Review class exercises.
- Additional exercises will be assigned.

Course Topics:

(Progress depends on the student)

| Main Topics | Additional Topics |
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| N, M, V, F, Z, S | Warm-Up Instruction |
| Drumbeats: B, P, D, T, G, K | Linking Principles |
| Double Drumbeats TH-TH, ZH-SH | Intonation, stress & emphasis, rate, duration, phrasing, and pauses |
| L, NG, DG | Pronunciation of Commonly Used Words |
| CH, DZ, TS | Advanced reading instruction |
| H, R, DL, TL, W, Y | Impromptu speaking |
| Vowels | |

Class cancellation policy: If you need to reschedule your sessions for any reason, 24-hour advanced notice is required. Otherwise, you will still be charged for the missed class. Please call the instructor to reschedule. Since we will be working on changing your speech habits, meeting at least once or twice a week is ideal.

Thank you. I look forward to working with you!

~ Joanne Chen, Chief Instructor