Ohio University Hearing, Speech and Language Clinic

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Facts about Accents:

Accents are a natural part of spoken language. It is important to realize that no accent is better than another. It should also be stressed that accents are NOT a speech or language disorder. However, some people may have difficulty communicating because of their accent. These difficulties include the following:

- People not understanding you
- Avoiding social interaction with those who may not understand you
- Frustration from having to repeat yourself all the time
- People focusing on your accent more than on what you were trying to say

Can you change your accent?

Yes, with lots of hard work, practice, and the help of a qualified speech-language pathologist (SLP). Changing your accent is also known as “accent modification” or “accent reduction.” An SLP can provide services to speakers who want to modify or reduce their accent. People who receive these types of services include the following:

- Non-native English speakers
- Speakers who want to reduce a regional accent
- Business and medical professionals who want to improve their communication skills because of a foreign or regional accent

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Audiological Services

- Comprehensive Hearing Evaluations
- Balance Assessments
- Auditory Processing Evaluations
- Hearing Aid Selection and Fitting
- Hearing Aid Verification
- Tinnitus Services
- Aural Rehabilitation Services
- Custom Earpieces

Speech-Language Pathology Services

- Articulation
- Language Disorders/Delays
- Voice
- Stuttering
- Accent Modification
- Swallowing
- Infant Feeding
- Aural Rehabilitation
- School-aged Language

Are you over the age of 18 and struggle to hear your family and friends? Is so, please join us at our clinic on one of the following dates for a FREE hearing screening:

- Friday, September 26th, 2014 from 1-3pm
- Friday, October 24th, 2014 from 1-3pm
- Friday, November 7th, 2014 from 1-3pm

No appointment necessary!

Custom Ear Accessories:

Ohio University Hearing, Speech and Language Clinic sells several custom hearing products including:

1. **Ear Plugs/Swim Plugs** = To protect your ears from loud sounds or to wear when swimming to prevent water from getting in your ears.

2. **Musician Plugs** = These custom or non-custom ear products are fitted with a sound attenuating filter that will evenly attenuate frequency distribution. These custom filters come in 9 dB, 15 dB, or 25 dB attenuation. Perfect for musicians who want to protect their hearing!

3. **Custom iPod Ear Buds** = These custom ear products attach to your ear buds and allow for a fuller and richer sound, especially in the bass frequencies. They also help the ear bud to stay secure and in place in the ear.

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