

## CHEATING ALLOWED... EVEN ENCOURAGED!

So far, you've learned about differences in vowel and consonant sounds, syllable stress and structure, intonation, music and rhythm. You may have even suffered through more than a few reality shows in search of authentic local accents. You may be wondering; "How am I going to remember all of this?" Good news. You don't have to.



### GRAB A PEN AND PAPER

Make a cheat sheet for your target accent! This is an efficient way to capture all of the elements you've distilled from the above steps.

Make a chart noting the contrasts you've learned in the previous accent hacks.

- 1) Differences in sounds:
  - a. Vowels
  - b. Consonants
  - c. Syllable structure
- 2) Suprasegmentals/Prosody
  - a. Syllable stress
  - b. Intonation
  - c. Rhythm
- 3) Specialized vocabulary

## BONUS TIP:

Create sentences that incorporate the features you've described above. For example, if I were looking to create a Russian accent (or choose an American English accent practice for native speakers of Russian), be sure to design sentences with those key sounds, such as the syllable-initial L [l] and contrasting vowels [æ] vs. [ɛ].

Ex. Please leave the cat on the black leather mat.

