

Before watching

1. **PW** Discuss these questions with a partner.
- ▶ What accents are you familiar with in your own language? Do you find these easy or difficult to understand?
 - ▶ Are you familiar with any different varieties of English, for example American or British? How do you recognise them in films for example?

Video vocabulary

2. Match each expression in A with its definition in B.

A

1. lead somebody astray
2. to get on with somebody
3. to have roots all over the world
4. a melting pot
5. to have its ups and downs
6. spend loads of money
7. grow up with people

B

- to spend your childhood years with people
- to have contacts and relations worldwide
- to have a good relationship with someone
- to put someone in bad company or at risk
- a mix of many different cultures
- to have advantages and disadvantages
- to spend a big quantity of money

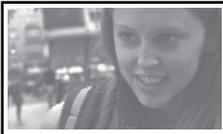
While watching

3. Listen to the various speakers and mark the sentences True (T) or False (F).

- 1. John is 75 years old.
- 2. John started coming to the pub when he was a boy.
- 3. Aimee prefers animals to people.
- 4. Aimee worked as a shop assistant before.
- 5. Malcolm lived in Burma for the first year of his life.
- 6. Jee thinks that Britain's multicultural society is the result of having an empire.
- 7. The woman only has friends who are Londoners.
- 8. The first man thinks Brick Lane has good and negative aspects.
- 9. He doesn't like the curries in Brick Lane.
- 10. The second man really likes the area he is in.
- 11. He sometimes eats Indian food in Banglatown.
- 12. Ken comes from London.
- 13. Ken thinks the prices in London are very high.
- 14. The woman in the market thinks organic food is too expensive.
- 15. Nathalia is Australian.
- 16. Nathalia's been in London for 6 months.
- 17. The fashion student thinks Manchester is good for shopping.
- 18. The second woman goes shopping in Oxford Street.
- 19. She likes to buy clothes and CD's.
- 20. The man thinks that cultural diversity makes London a nice place to live in.

4. Listen again to people speaking on the video and complete the table.

	Easy to understand	Quite easy to understand	Medium difficulty	Quite difficult	Reasons (accent, tone, speed, difficult words)
					
					
					
					

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5. Go to en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Regional_accents_of_English and write down five characteristics of different regional variations of English.

6. **PW** Work with a partner and write down some characteristics of regional Italian pronunciation differences.

7. Go to en.wikipedia.org/wiki/English_as_a_lingua_franca and write a few comments about English as a lingua franca. Do you think it's a valid form of English?

8. Practise listening to different pronunciation styles at www.bl.uk/learning/langlit/sounds/index.html.