

BRITISH ENGLISH RP ACCENT CHEAT SHEET

Basic Components for Come From Away:

- We are focusing on the British English Received Pronunciation (RP) accent for all UK English speakers. This makes it easy for everyone if you are not an advanced accent speaker in any other British English dialects.

Important Sounds for the English RP accent:

1. The A in English RP has different sounds-
 - /ɑ:/ -Long a or Broad a - “bath, car, father, bar”.
 - /æ/ -Short a - “cat, mat, dad, snatch”
 - /ei/ -Long a - “day, take”
 - /ɔ:/ -Rounded long vowel a sound - as in RP pronunciation of water (Shorter, sorter,...): “Water, call, stall, alter”
2. The O’s sometimes need work just like the A’s due to the:
 - /ɒ/ O with “ahhw” sound - “pot, hot, spot” (jaw open, oval lips).
 - /ɔ:/ Rounded long vowel O sound - “aww” sound- “thought, saw, doors, before” (jaw more closed, very round & forward lips).

Pay attention to the possible slight R sound when followed by a vowel.

The water must be hot. (Do not hear the R).

The water is hot. (Do hear the linking-R).

Pay attention to the possible intrusive-R sound that links two vowels.

The idea(r) of it.

Law(r) and order.

I saw(r) him.

Nick,
Reporter 9
Pilots 8, 10
Captain Bristol

*This is your pilot speaking.
We'll be making an unexpected
detour. The US airspace is closed
and we are being diverted. I will
provide more details as they become
available.*