# **Mirror Speech**

What:

Choose a native speaker of English or fluent non-native speaker that you would like to mirror.

Why:

This project will help you improve your pronunciation in the following ways:

* You will practice nonverbal cues in effective, comprehensible North American English speech.
* You will demonstrate your understanding of the principles of the English sound system by analyzing & reproducing real speech.
* You will demonstrate an understanding of how social role and identity interact with pronunciation by taking on a “role.”

How:

1. **Choose** someone whose spoken English you admire and would like to sound like. You might choose a TV personality (e.g., newscaster, character on a TV show, movie star), a TED.com talk, or a famous political personality (e.g., Martin Luther King or Michelle Obama). Obtain a video recording of this person speaking. It can be a speech, an advertisement, an interview, a news report, a situation comedy, a movie, or a documentary.

Option 1:

* 1. Go to [English Speeches YouTube Channel.](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLyr-hfWVCKHcZjV5fg3jbw) Select "Videos" to see all the videos.
  2. Select a person you know about and watch his/her speech (with the big subtitles).
  3. Select just a portion of the speech you want to practice.
  4. Go to [English Speech Channel and find your selected video](https://www.englishspeecheschannel.com/english-speeches/) to see the full transcript. Copy and paste the information about the speaker and the portion of the speech you want to use into a Word or Google Doc.

Option 2:

1. Go to [TED Talks](https://www.ted.com/talks)[.](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLyr-hfWVCKHcZjV5fg3jbw) Browse topics or enter the name of a speaker.
2. Select “Read Transcript” under the video.
3. Select just a portion of the speech you want to practice.
4. Copy and paste the information about the speaker and the portion of the speech you want to use into a Word or Google Doc.

Option 3:

1. Go to [Learn English with Famous People YouTube Channel](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL_xqs-tCfzNoobI6PRET4iWZBuMXgMHpT)[.](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLyr-hfWVCKHcZjV5fg3jbw)
2. Select a person you know about and watch his/her speech (with captions).
3. Select the three horizontal dots under the video to show the transcript.
4. Copy and paste the information about the speaker and the portion of the speech you want to use into a Word or Google Doc.

Write the name of the speaker and the title of the video here:

Speaker: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Title of video: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Choose **7 – 10 consecutive sentences** from the person’s speech and **“mirror”** it as closely as you can, copying the speaker's use of intonation, word stress, volume, pitch, and other speech features as well as nonverbal communication (hand movements, facial expressions, use of eyes, mouth, and gestures). Practice the part of the speech you have selected every day and use the same speech features to try to sound as much like the speaker as possible.

Also, you will imitate their gestures, facial expressions, and body language! In addition, **transcribe** the speech exactly by writing in pauses, stress, and intonation marks.

1. At the end of the class, we will listen to your speech! :)