

## Accent questionnaire part 2

You will now be asked some more questions about pronunciation. Again, we're really interested in how *you* pronounce the words and phrases *yourself* – not how anyone else pronounces them. We're not trying to find out what you think about the pronunciation of so-called 'correct' or 'posh' accents.

There are three blocks to the part of the questionnaire again. The first two will feature written questions which will ask you to circle an option on a three point scale. In the third block, the interviewer will ask you questions and your answers will be recorded.

In the first two blocks, you will see a number of words and phrases that are spelled in an **unusual** way. This is meant to represent how *some* people pronounce them. The phrases are always given in normal spelling, too - do read both before you give your answer. You will be asked what you think about one way of pronouncing these words, and it is important that you concentrate on the pronunciation of the words in your accent. Don't worry that the spelling might look odd!

Please give an answer to the questions in this part of the questionnaire by circling one option on the three point scale that you are given. The precise answers on the scale are slightly different to those in the other part of the questionnaire. They are given at the start of the blocks and are repeated at the top of each page.

You will be given an example question at the start of each block of written questions. It's fine to say the words and phrases out loud as you answer the questions!

We are also interested to hear what you think about the particular feature of pronunciation that we are investigating in this part of the questionnaire. In the third block, the interviewer will ask you to talk about this feature of pronunciation. We are simply interested to hear your opinions here, so do say whatever you think about these issues.

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## Block 1

In this block you will be asked about the pronunciation of words that are spelled with a *t*. In certain accents, some people sometimes pronounce words that are spelled with a *t* as if they had an *r* sound in them. This seems to be only possible in certain words, though, and most of them seem to have the *t* at the very end of the word.

For example, many people could pronounce *not* with an *r*, so a phrase like...

*Oh no - not again!*

...can be pronounced like this...

*Oh no - norragain!*

However, people normally **can't** pronounce the word *knot* with an *r*, so a phrase like...

*Oh no - he's tied it in a knot again!*

...**cannot** be pronounced like this...

*Oh no - he's tied it in a knorragain!*

These questions are aimed to find out if **you** have this feature in your accent, and, if so, **which words** allow their *t* to be pronounced as an *r*.

The possible answers in this block are:

- 1 I would never pronounce this word with an *r*
- 2 I can sometimes pronounce this word with an *r*, but I wouldn't do it very often
- 3 It would be normal for me to pronounce this word with an *r*

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For example:

If you think that it would be quite usual for you to pronounce the word *not* with an *r*, you would circle 3, as we have done below.

(X) Can you pronounce *not* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *Oh no - norragain!*

[normal spelling: Oh no - not again!]

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The possible answers in this block are:

- 1 I would never pronounce this word with an *r*
- 2 I can sometimes pronounce this word with an *r*, but I wouldn't do it very often
- 3 It would be normal for me to pronounce this word with an *r*

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### Training Session

Please answer these questions as described above. If you then feel unsure about any aspect of this task please ask the interviewer.

- (X) Can you pronounce *cot* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *We've bought a corrand a pram.*  
[normal spelling: We've bought a cot and a pram.]

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Now please answer the following questions:

- (1) Can you pronounce *not* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *Oh no - norragain!*  
[normal spelling: Oh no - not again!]

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- (2) Can you pronounce *knot* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *Oh no - he's tied it in a knorragain!*  
[normal spelling: Oh no - he's tied it in a knot again!]

1-----2-----3

- (3) Can you pronounce *fit* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *We had to firra new tyre.*  
[normal spelling: We had to fit a new tyre.]

1-----2-----3

The possible answers in this block are:

- 1 I would never pronounce this word with an *r*
- 2 I can sometimes pronounce this word with an *r*, but I wouldn't do it very often
- 3 It would be normal for me to pronounce this word with an *r*

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(4) Can you pronounce *met* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *I've never merra Dutchman.*  
[normal spelling: I've never met a Dutchman.]

1-----2-----3

(5) Can you pronounce *set* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *My teacher serra very hard exam.*  
[normal spelling: My teacher set a very hard exam.]

1-----2-----3

(6) Can you pronounce *cut* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *Will you curra bit of that cake?*  
[normal spelling: Will you cut a bit of that cake?]

1-----2-----3

(7) Can you pronounce *shot* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *I once shorra pigeon.*  
[normal spelling: I once shot a pigeon.]

1-----2-----3

(8) Can you pronounce *it* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *Will you give irra kick?*  
[normal spelling: Will you give it a kick?]

1-----2-----3

The possible answers in this block are:

- 1 I would never pronounce this word with an *r*
- 2 I can sometimes pronounce this word with an *r*, but I wouldn't do it very often
- 3 It would be normal for me to pronounce this word with an *r*

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(9) Can you pronounce *but* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *I like Marmite, burra lot of people don't.*  
[normal spelling: I like Marmite, but a lot of people don't.]

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(10) Can you pronounce *sit* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *Do you want to stand or sirragain?*  
[normal spelling: Do you want to stand or sit again?]

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(11) Can you pronounce *cat* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *Give that carra bowl of milk.*  
[normal spelling: Give that cat a bowl of milk.]

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(12) Can you pronounce *what* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *Wharra stupid man!*  
[normal spelling: What a stupid man!]

1-----2-----3

(13) Can you pronounce *that* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *Can you do tharragain?*  
[normal spelling: Can you do that again?]

1-----2-----3

The possible answers in this block are:

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- 2 I can sometimes pronounce this word with an *r*, but I wouldn't do it very often
- 3 It would be normal for me to pronounce this word with an *r*

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(14) Can you pronounce *lot* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *That's a lorra books!*  
[normal spelling: That's a lot of books!]

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(15) Can you pronounce *shut* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *I've got to go and shurra door.*  
[normal spelling: I've got to go and shut a door.]

1-----2-----3

(16) Can you pronounce *dot* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *There's a comma and a dorr and a full stop.*  
[normal spelling: There's a comma and a dot and a full stop.]

1-----2-----3

(17) Can you pronounce *hut* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *He made a hurr and lived in it.*  
[normal spelling: He made a hut and lived in it.]

1-----2-----3

(18) Can you pronounce *at* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *He threw it arra pigeon.*  
[normal spelling: He threw it at a pigeon.]

1-----2-----3

The possible answers in this block are:

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- 2 I can sometimes pronounce this word with an *r*, but I wouldn't do it very often
- 3 It would be normal for me to pronounce this word with an *r*

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(19) Can you pronounce *got* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *Have you gorra pen?*  
[normal spelling: Have you got a pen.]

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(20) Can you pronounce *hit* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *Would you hirra man with glasses?*  
[normal spelling: Would you hit a man with glasses?]

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(21) Can you pronounce *pit* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *He was working down the pirrand was quite happy.*  
[normal spelling: He was working down the pit and was quite happy.]

1-----2-----3

(22) Can you pronounce *let* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *Would you lerra thief go if you caught one?*  
[normal spelling: Would you let a thief go if you caught one?]

1-----2-----3

(23) Can you pronounce *pet* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *I gave my perra treat.*  
[normal spelling: I gave my pet a treat?]

1-----2-----3

The possible answers in this block are:

- 1 I would never pronounce this word with an *r*
- 2 I can sometimes pronounce this word with an *r*, but I wouldn't do it very often
- 3 It would be normal for me to pronounce this word with an *r*

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(24) Can you pronounce *wet* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *You've made it all werragain.*  
[normal spelling: You've made it all wet again.]

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(25) Can you pronounce *foot* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *I've hurt my foora bit.*  
[normal spelling: I've hurt my foot a bit.]

1-----2-----3

(26) Can you pronounce *fat* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *He's farrand he doesn't like it.*  
[normal spelling: He's fat and he doesn't like it.]

1-----2-----3

(27) Can you pronounce *alot* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *I had to allorra big part of our money to him.*  
[normal spelling: I had to allot a big part of our money to him.]

1-----2-----3

(28) Can you pronounce *delete* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *I had to delera lot of what he wrote.*  
[normal spelling: I had to delete a lot of what he wrote.]

1-----2-----3



The possible answers in this block are:

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- 2 I can sometimes pronounce this word with an *r*, but I wouldn't do it very often
- 3 It would be normal for me to pronounce this word with an *r*

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(29) Can you pronounce *habit* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *She developed that habirra bit too quickly.*  
[normal spelling: She developed that habit a bit too quickly.]

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(30) Can you pronounce *pilot* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *I gave the airline pilorra piece of my mind.*  
[normal spelling: I gave the airline pilot a piece of my mind.]

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(31) Can you pronounce *cigarette* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *Give me a cigarerrand I'll light it for you.*  
[normal spelling: Give me a cigarette and I'll light it for you.]

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(32) Can you pronounce *regret* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *I don't regrerra lot.*  
[normal spelling: I don't regret a lot.]

1-----2-----3

(33) Can you pronounce *repeat* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *Can you repeara bit of what you said?*  
[normal spelling: Can you repeat a bit of what you said?]

1-----2-----3

The possible answers in this block are:

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- 2 I can sometimes pronounce this word with an *r*, but I wouldn't do it very often
- 3 It would be normal for me to pronounce this word with an *r*

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(34) Can you pronounce *light* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *Can you lighra fire for me?*  
[normal spelling: Can you light a fire for me?]

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(35) Can you pronounce *about* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *Tell me aboura pet that you've had.*  
[normal spelling: Tell me about a pet that you've had.]

1-----2-----3

(36) Can you pronounce *doubt* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *I दौरa lot of people will want to come.*  
[normal spelling: I doubt a lot of people will want to come.]

1-----2-----3

(37) Can you pronounce *lout* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *He's a lourand I hate him.*  
[normal spelling: He's a lout and I hate him.]

1-----2-----3

(38) Can you pronounce *meet* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *Did you meera whole crowd of people?*  
[normal spelling: Did you meet a whole crowd of people?]

1-----2-----3

The possible answers in this block are:

- 1 I would never pronounce this word with an *r*
- 2 I can sometimes pronounce this word with an *r*, but I wouldn't do it very often
- 3 It would be normal for me to pronounce this word with an *r*

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(39) Can you pronounce *eat* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *I like to earan apple every day.*  
[normal spelling: I like to eat an apple every day.]

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(40) Can you pronounce *loot* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *They got loads of loorand ran away.*  
[normal spelling: They got loads of loot and ran away.]

1-----2-----3

(41) Can you pronounce *bought* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *Have you boughra bag?*  
[normal spelling: Have you bought a bag?]

1-----2-----3

(42) Can you pronounce *dart* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *Can't you throw that dara bit better?*  
[normal spelling: Can't you throw that dart a bit better?]

1-----2-----3

(43) Can you pronounce *boat* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *Can't you sail this boara bit faster?*  
[normal spelling: Can't you sail this boat a bit faster?]

1-----2-----3

The possible answers in this block are:

- 1 I would never pronounce this word with an *r*
- 2 I can sometimes pronounce this word with an *r*, but I wouldn't do it very often
- 3 It would be normal for me to pronounce this word with an *r*

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(44) Can you pronounce *boot* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *Can you give my boora good pull.*  
[normal spelling: Can you give my boot a good pull.]

1-----2-----3

(45) Can you pronounce *delight* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *We ate lots of Angel Delighrand we felt a bit sick.*  
[normal spelling: We ate lots of Angel Delight and we felt a bit sick.]

1-----2-----3

(46) Can you pronounce *caught* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *My dad caughtra fox in our garden yesterday.*  
[normal spelling: My dad caught a fox in our garden yesterday.]

1-----2-----3

(47) Can you pronounce *flirt* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *My best friend used to flira lot.*  
[normal spelling: My best friend used to flirt a lot.]

1-----2-----3

(48) Can you pronounce *fillet* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *I had to fillera fish for my sister.*  
[normal spelling: I had to fillet a fish for my sister.]

1-----2-----3

The possible answers in this block are:

- 1 I would never pronounce this word with an *r*
- 2 I can sometimes pronounce this word with an *r*, but I wouldn't do it very often
- 3 It would be normal for me to pronounce this word with an *r*

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(49) Can you pronounce *feet* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *I'm going to give my feera good soak.*  
[normal spelling: I'm going to give my feet a good soak.]

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(50) [This question is a bit different from the rest! Think about each of the phrases given here separately]

Can you pronounce *get* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *Go and gerrAlexis.*  
[normal spelling: Go and get Alexis.]

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And can you say: *Go and gerrAlex.*  
[normal spelling: Go and get Alex.]

1-----2-----3

And can you say: *Go and gerrErin.*  
[normal spelling: Go and get Erin.]

1-----2-----3

And can you say: *Go and gerrEthel.*  
[normal spelling: Go and get Ethel.]

1-----2-----3

And can you say: *We both gerrabout ok.*  
[normal spelling: We both get about ok.]

1-----2-----3

And can you say: *We both gerraround ok.*  
[normal spelling: We both get around ok.]

1-----2-----3

## Block 2

In this block you will be asked again about the pronunciation of words that are spelled with a *t*. Remember: in certain accents, some people sometimes pronounce certain words that are spelled with a *t* as if they had an *r* sound in them.

In some words, it seems that a *t* can be pronounced as an *r* even if it's in the middle of a word. It's generally thought that this can only happen in a very few words, though.

For example, many people can pronounce *better* with an *r*, so a phrase like...

*Oh yes - that's better*

...can be pronounced like....

*Oh yes - that's berrer*

However, people often can't pronounce the word *setter* with an *r*, so a phrase like...

*Oh yes - that's a red setter*

...**cannot** be pronounced like...

*Oh yes - that's a red serrer*

The possible answers in this block are:

- 1 I would never pronounce this word with an *r*
- 2 I can sometimes pronounce this word with an *r*, but I wouldn't do it very often
- 3 It would be normal for me to pronounce this word with an *r*

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For example:

If you think that it would be quite usual for you to pronounce the word *little* with an *r*, you would circle 3, as we have done below.

(X) Can you pronounce *little* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *We've got lots of lirrel biscuits.*

[normal spelling: We've got lots of little biscuits.]

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The possible answers in this block are:

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- 2 I can sometimes pronounce this word with an *r*, but I wouldn't do it very often
- 3 It would be normal for me to pronounce this word with an *r*

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Please answer these questions as described above. If you then feel unsure about any aspect of this task please ask the interviewer.

(X) Can you pronounce *Latin* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *My brother can speak Larrin.*  
[normal spelling: My brother can speak Latin.]

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Now please answer the following questions:

(51) Can you pronounce *better* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *I like him berrer than her.*  
[normal spelling: I like him better than her]

1-----2-----3

(52) Can you pronounce *butter* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *Can you pass me the burrer?*  
[normal spelling: Can you pass me the butter?]

1-----2-----3

(53) Can you pronounce *fatter* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *His brother's farrer than his sister.*  
[normal spelling: His brother's fatter than his sister.]

1-----2-----3

The possible answers in this block are:

- 1 I would never pronounce this word with an *r*
- 2 I can sometimes pronounce this word with an *r*, but I wouldn't do it very often
- 3 It would be normal for me to pronounce this word with an *r*

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(54) Can you pronounce *letter* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *Will you post a lerrer for me?*  
[normal spelling: Will you post a letter for me?]

1-----2-----3

(55) Can you pronounce *cotton* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *I need some corron wool.*  
[normal spelling: I need some cotton wool.]

1-----2-----3

(56) Can you pronounce *bottom* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *That's scraping the borrom of the barrel!*  
[normal spelling: *That's scraping the bottom of the barrel!*]

1-----2-----3

(57) Can you pronounce *little* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *We've got lots of lirrel biscuits.*  
[normal spelling: We've got lots of little biscuits.]

1-----2-----3

(58) Can you pronounce *fitter* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *My brother's a carpet firrer.*  
[normal spelling: My brother's a carpet fitter.]

1-----2-----3



The possible answers in this block are:

- 1 I would never pronounce this word with an *r*
- 2 I can sometimes pronounce this word with an *r*, but I wouldn't do it very often
- 3 It would be normal for me to pronounce this word with an *r*

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(59) Can you pronounce *kitten* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *My sister wants a kirren.*  
[normal spelling: My sister wants a kitten.]

1-----2-----3

(60) Can you pronounce *heater* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *I need an electric heerer.*  
[normal spelling: I need an electric heater.]

1-----2-----3

(61) Can you pronounce *meeting* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *She went to the meering at five o'clock.*  
[normal spelling: She went to the meeting at five o'clock.]

1-----2-----3

(62) Can you pronounce *rotten* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *Oh - I think that's rorren.*  
[normal spelling: Oh - I think that's rotten.]

1-----2-----3

(63) Can you pronounce *attack* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *That dog nearly arracked me.*  
[normal spelling: That dog nearly attacked me.]

1-----2-----3

The possible answers in this block are:

- 1 I would never pronounce this word with an *r*
- 2 I can sometimes pronounce this word with an *r*, but I wouldn't do it very often
- 3 It would be normal for me to pronounce this word with an *r*

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(64) Can you pronounce *attic* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *We went up into the arric.*  
[normal spelling: We went up into the attic.]

1-----2-----3

(65) Can you pronounce *battle* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *I don't want to have a barrel with you.*  
[normal spelling: I don't want to have a battle with you.]

1-----2-----3

(66) Can you pronounce *bottle* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *Will you give me a borrel of milk?*  
[normal spelling: Will you give me a bottle of milk?]

1-----2-----3

(67) Can you pronounce *getting* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *We're going to be gerring a cat.*  
[normal spelling: We're going to be getting a cat.]

1-----2-----3

(68) Can you pronounce *setting* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *You should be serring the table.*  
[normal spelling: You should be setting the table.]

1-----2-----3

The possible answers in this block are:

- 1 I would never pronounce this word with an *r*
- 2 I can sometimes pronounce this word with an *r*, but I wouldn't do it very often
- 3 It would be normal for me to pronounce this word with an *r*

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(69) Can you pronounce *putting* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *Where have you been purring the rubbish?*  
[normal spelling: Where have you been putting the rubbish?]

1-----2-----3

(70) Can you pronounce *cutting* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *They're going to be curring the rents soon, I hope.*  
[normal spelling: They're going to be cutting the rents soon, I hope.]

1-----2-----3

(71) Can you pronounce *beautiful* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *She's very beauriful.*  
[normal spelling: She's very beautiful.]

1-----2-----3

(72) Can you pronounce *water* with an *r*?

For example, can you say: *Can I have a glass of warer?*  
[normal spelling: Can I have a glass of water?]

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### Block 3

In this block you will be asked some direct questions about your pronunciation by the interviewer. There is no need to write down your answers for this part, as they will be recorded.

(73)

Do you agree that it's only in some words that *t* can be pronounced as *r*? Or can it happen in any word? Or can you never pronounce a *t* as *r*?

(74)

What about how other people speak? Even if you would never pronounce a *t* as an *r* yourself, do you know anyone who might? This might be people with the same accent as you or people with different accents. If you do know other people who might pronounce a *t* as an *r*, what kind of people are they?

(75)

If you can pronounce a *t* as *r*, can you think of any specific words where a *t* is most likely to be pronounced as an *r*? If you can't do it yourself, try to think about people who can do it - which words might they be most likely to pronounce in this way (with an *r*)?