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SPEAKING



- Accent of any language is marked by tempo of speech, number of pauses, length of vowels, and varieties of consonant sounds.

VIDEO CLIP

Video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lMX-TrOPUs4>

Please watch the section 00:00 – 01:40

Source: Paulo Silva (Youtube)

Video description: The video clip is from the movie *Gandhi* where Gandhi makes this brief speech at the plenary session of the Round Table Conference in London on November 30, 1931.

We are using 1.40 minutes of this video for academic purposes.

- This movie was made in 1982 by Sir Richard Attenborough (1923-2014). Ben Kingsley (B. 1943), a British film actor, played the role of Gandhi in this movie.
- First listen to the speech without the text, then look at the text and listen to the speech, and finally listen to the speech once again to do the following activities.

- Mark pauses by writing # after the word which is followed by a pause. Write two ## at the end of a sentence which is followed by a longer pause.
- Check your work with the one given at the end of this unit.

ACTIVITY

- a. Mark pauses with # after the word followed by a pause, and ## after the sentence followed by a paused.
- b. Mark stresses on all words that has two or more syllables by using ' before the stressed syllable.
- c. Then read the given passage aloud in the manner of Ben Kingsley.

GANDHI ON REAL INDIA

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ANSWERS

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Find similar speeches given by great leaders. Listen and understand how they emphasise different parts of their speech and then try and speak in the same way. In no time, you can acquire standard accent in English.

Thank you!