

# English Pronunciation and Comprehension, & American Culture

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## Course Overview and Outline

### Overview

**STUDENTS SERVED:** Non-native English speakers who want to improve their English pronunciation and understanding through conversation and lectures on American culture topics. Focus is on common and advanced vocabulary, immediate pronunciation correction, and an understanding of general life in America from an American's perspective.

### Outline

**CULTURE:** The purpose is for you to better understand the Americans you meet at work, school, and other places. We will discuss:

- Current events
- American history and how it affects American's today
- The viewpoint of Americans on education, money, religion and other important topics

**VOCABULARY:** The purpose is to expand your vocabulary, and confirm or correct your current vocabulary knowledge:

- Most common vocabulary terms
- Words and the opposite of those words
- Idioms and slang terms
- Words related to current events and general topics covered

**PRONUNCIATION:** Students are encouraged to speak, and the teacher will continually offer feedback on their pronunciation. The goal is to correct pronunciation so that the average American will easily understand the speaker.

### Text and Resources

- *"Speak English Like an American"*, Amy Gillett (ISBN-13 : 978-0972530033) Timely, business and current events books as identified during the class year.
- Class website [www.parlanceus.com](http://www.parlanceus.com). A free resource with videos and articles to improve pronunciation and understanding American culture.