



accent & dialect coaching by
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SUMMARY

KTS-certified teacher & professional coach with 20+ years of experience, helping actors from around the world learn and embody accents for stage, screen and audio. In-depth knowledge of applied linguistics, phonetics and sociolinguistics

TV, film, Theatre & VO highlights 2019–2025

Client	Accents Coached	Production
Jesse McQueen/The Annex Theatre	British RP (Modern)	<u>Les Liaisons Dangereuses</u>
Markham Little Theatre (entire cast)	East Virginia (Tidewater), Mid-Georgia	<u>The Wild Women Of Winedale</u>
Brampton Music Theatre (entire cast)	New York City (various)	<u>Beautiful: The Carole King Musical</u>
Ali Skovbye/Hallmark	Modern British RP	<i>Private Princess Christmas</i>
Cream Productions for Discovery	Mexican (3 actors) <u>PRODUCER ESTIMONIAL</u>	TV: <i>Fear Thy Neighbor</i> S9E08
	Australian (2 actors) <u>TESTIMONIAL</u>	TV: <i>Fear Thy Neighbor</i> S9E02
<u>Michael Luwoye</u> Known for <i>The Gifted</i> , <i>Hamilton</i> (Broadway)	Jamaican/English/American idiolect (as Livingstone Fagan) <u>TESTIMONIAL</u>	<u>Waco: The Aftermath</u> (Showtime series)
<u>Anne Whitaker</u> London-based Voice & Dialect Coach	Various <u>TESTIMONIAL</u>	N/A
<u>Edyta Budnik</u> Known for <i>Ted Lasso</i> , <i>Killing Eve</i>	Birmingham (contemporary)	KTS Certification #9 (London)
Dee Dee de Kenessey/ Village Players	British RP (Teaditional 1930s), German <u>TESTIMONIAL</u>	<i>The 39 Steps</i>
<u>Chara Bauer</u> , <u>Blair LaMay</u>	British RP (Modern), Estuary, Long Island <u>TESTIMONIAL</u>	Short Film: <u>Project LETHE</u>



MEDIA APPEARANCES

[The National, CBC Television](#) (@39s)

[CBC Entertainment](#)

EMPLOYMENT

BBC Television, London 1994–2002

Freelance accent & dialect coach, Toronto 2002–Present

Talk Like That, Online and in Toronto, 2019–Present

CEO. Coaching coaches, actors and other professionals in accents & dialects

talklikethat.com

EDUCATION

Suffolk University, UK - HND Design Communications

LaSalle College, Toronto - TESL Ontario Certificate (Hons.)

Knight-Thompson Speechwork, remote & London, UK - Experiencing Speech, Phonetics Intensive, Experiencing Accents, [Teacher Certification #9 \(2023\)](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA

Creator: [Talk Like That Accent Actors Facebook Community](#) (>950 members)

Creator: [instagram.com/talk_like_that](#) (>2000 followers)

Creator: [Mark the Dialect Coach on TikTok](#) (>20,000 followers)

TESTIMONIALS

"I hired Talk Like That (Mark Dallas) as an accent coach for a few of season 9 of "Fear Thy Neighbor." Mark's coaching made a notable impact on our cast's performances in portraying both Australian and Mexican accents, contributing significantly to the series' overall quality. Mark's attention to detail and expertise ensured the performances were accurate and authentic. His professional and friendly approach made him a pleasure to work with by both production staff and performers. I look forward to working with Mark again, and highly recommend his services as an accent coach!"

— **Mark Ellis**, Producer for *Fear Thy Neighbor* Series 9

"Mark is a fantastically specific accent coach. When it comes to finding someone to help me out with a new accent or spot check my work, I know I can go to Mark for the best advice!"

— **Anne Whitaker**, Voice & Dialect Coach



"Grateful to have worked with Mark in the short window of preparation before my current project began. Explanations providing clear distinctions between the accent we were dissecting, how it differed from similar accents from neighboring regions, and distilling the given text into digestible sounds which I could practice in my own time. Would recommend to anyone seeking aid with dialect work as I'm sure it would benefit them greatly."

— **Michael Luwoye**, Actor in *Waco: The Aftermath*

"When working on my short film, I was struggling to bring all the pieces together. When I realized that I needed a dialect coach it was less than a month before filming. I reached out to different coaches and Mark, by far, was the most prompt. He was engaged in the story and provided a plan based on the character's history and background information. Mark provided education regarding different dialects so we understood variations within a community. He demonstrated how to say the lines before having them repeated back and helped fix small issues by comparing certain words and describing mouth shape/feel. He also made himself available... during the night shoot. In summary, he was flexible, enthusiastic, knowledgeable, and just a lovely person!"

— **Chara Bauer**, Writer, Director, Actor in *Project LETHE*

"Mark's attitude and positive energy quickly dispelled any concerns I might have had. He guides you with simple-to-follow instruction combined with a pure enjoyment of the exploratory process that made learning a new accent both rewarding and fun! Without hesitation he is the first person I recommend any actor take accent instruction with!"

— **Sean Irvine**, Actor in *Fear Thy Neighbor S9E02*

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