

Let them tell you

DEAR ABBY: You gave a sensible answer to “Sean” regarding the people he has asked about their foreign accents. I would like to offer some advice of my own regarding people he may meet in the future.

I grew up in a diverse metropolitan area. I quickly learned that if people want to share their accent’s origin, they will after I offer a compliment (without an inquiry). I have said things like, “What a beautiful accent!” or, “Your accent makes English sound like music.” In response, some people will volunteer where it is from. Others simply accept the compliment.

I think you touched on a valid reason why some people are reluctant to reply. People are more likely to tell you about their past if they are proud of it. However, others also may feel that their relationship is not one that warrants volunteering personal information. When you work with dozens or hundreds of people a day, people may not want their last name known, let alone more private information. — JENNY IN BROCKTON, MASS.

DEAR JENNY: There can be many reasons why people are reluctant to answer the question. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: It gets very tiring to be asked the same question time after time, especially when the response we get for answering it is always the same, “Oh.” Ninety-nine percent of the individuals who ask me about my accent



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cannot differentiate between London and the United Kingdom, so it puzzles me why they even ask the question. My response is to give a dumb answer to a dumb question.

Also, there are too many prejudiced people in this country who judge others based on their accent, and besides, starting a conversation with so personal a question is offensive. — TICKED OFF IN FLORIDA

DEAR ABBY: I am an American who has been living outside the United States for many years. It seems the second question anyone asks me is, “Where are you from?” often followed by, “You have such a strong accent.” I find it insulting because I work hard to pronounce words correctly, and the inquirers seem to make this comment with such joy. I know I don’t have a strong accent because when I am on the phone, no one normally comments on my accent.

People like us get irritated partly because when we are asked where we’re from, we feel they do it to pigeonhole us, to classify us as “one of those Americans” or “one of those XX immigrants,” not the unique individu-

als we really are. — NAOMI IN SAO PAULO, BRAZIL

DEAR ABBY: I have a severe hearing loss and have been told I “have a beautiful accent.” People constantly ask me where I am from. I tried being truthful, but that ended up embarrassing the person who asked, so I stopped. I finally started saying, “I’m from here.” Most of them don’t believe it, and they press me for more information. If I know I’ll be seeing the person again, I tell the truth and also say that I’m very open about my hearing loss, and I just talk the way I hear. If I won’t be seeing the person again, I just shrug. — LINDA IN PHOENIX

DEAR ABBY: I am from the Netherlands and have only a slight accent, but I’m still annoyed with myself for being unable to get rid of it. For a lot of people, it is very important to be able to assimilate into the culture, and I can understand that people get tired of being stamped as a “foreigner” all the time. — KITTY IN OAKLAND

DEAR ABBY: I was with my grandmother in a department store a few years ago when the clerk noticed her accent and asked what country she came from. My grandmother was puzzled, then she replied, “Oklahoma!” — JANE IN RANCHO CORDOVA, CALIF.

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E S		E = Eagle Cable S = S&T Telephone									
36 47	A&E	Investigative Reports: Kids Behind Bars	Dog Bounty (TVPG)	Dog Bounty (TVPG)	King Cars (TVPG)	King Cars (TVPG)	Crossing Jordan: Prisoner Exchange (HD)	Investigative Reports: Kids Behind Bars			
4 6	ABC	“Stephen King’s Desperation” (’06, Made for TV) Tom Perlman. A demonic force is unleashed in a Nevada mining town.			Tom Skerritt, Ron Rifkin		KAKE News (N)	(’35) Nightline (N)	(’05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (TV14)		
26 54	ANPL	Profiles: Rodents: The Fast and the Furiest	The Most Extreme: City Slickers (TV G)		Rats with Nigel Marven Quelling fear. (TV G)		Profiles: Rodents: The Fast and the Furiest	The Most Extreme: City Slickers (TV G)			
63 67	BRAVO	Inside the Actor’s Studio: Tom Hanks	Kathy Griffin Is ... Not Nicole Kidman		Top Chef		“The Natural” (’84, Drama) Robert Redford. Baseball phenom overcomes his past. (PG)				
7 11	CBS	Academy of Country Music Awards in Las Vegas. (TVPG) (N)			Reba McEntire hosts the 41st annual gala		Eyewitness News	(’35) Late Show with David Letterman (HD)	Ferguson (TV14)		
55 42	DISC	Deadliest Catch: Man vs. the Edge (TVPG)	Deadliest Catch: On the Edge (TVPG)		Going Tribal: Living with Cannibals (TVPG)		Dirty Jobs: Dirtiest Water Jobs (TV14)	Deadliest Catch: Man vs. the Edge (TVPG)			
33 56	DISN	Kim (TVY7)	Lizzie (TV G)	So Raven (TVY7)	Phil: The Giggles (TV G)	So Raven (TVY7)	“Cow Belles” (’06, Comedy) Michael Trevino. Dad puts his pampered daughters to work.				
49 66	E!TV	Celebrity	Sexiest Hook-up		Sexiest Supermodels		SNL (TV14)	The Girls	Chelsea H.		
22 28	ESPN	⚾ NBA Basketball: Conference Final (Live) (HD)					⚾ SportsCenter (Live) (HD)	Baseball	Outside		
23 29	ESPN2	⚽ (5:00) Soccer (Live)	⚾ WNBA Game (Live)				⚾ WNBA Game (Live)				
32 58	FAM	“Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory”			Line	Line	The 700 Club	Home Video	Home Video		
35 -	FMC	“The Omen” (’76, Horror) Gregory Peck.	★★★	Gregory Peck.	“Kiss of Death” (’95, Suspense/Thriller) ★★	“The Fly II” (’89) ★ (R)					
53 45	FOOD	Emeril Live: Creole Cuisine (TV G)	Chefography: Paula Deen		\$40 a Day	Tasty: St. Louis	Good Eats (TV G)	\$40 a Day	Chefography: Paula Deen		
13 7	FOX	American Idol (TV G) (HD)	House: No Reason (TV14) (N)		Fox Report		Blind Date (TVPG)	Blind Date (TVPG)	Maury (TVPG)		
27 25	FX	Married	Married	King	King	’70s	’70s: 5:15	“X-Men” (’00, Action) Mutant superheroes.			
30 27	FHSP	List	Rockies	Dbl. Play	Rockies	⚾ MLB Baseball Rockies at Dodgers (Live)					
- 60	HALL	Walker: Survival	Walker (TVPG)		Walker (TVPG)	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH		
5 -	HBO	(’15) “Anacandans: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid” (’04) ★½ Attack by snakes. (HD)			“Cry-Baby” (’90, Romance) ★½ A good girl falls for a bad boy biker.	“Batman Begins” (’05, Drama) Millionaire fights organized crime.					
62 44	HGTV	Designed	Bad Bath	Decorating	Curb Appl.	House Hunt	Buy Me	My Parents	Designer	Designed	Bad Bath
58 48	HIST	Marvels: Weird Weapons: The Allies (TVPG)		Mega Disasters: New York City Hurricane		Mega Movers: America Moves (TVPG)		The Shroud of Turin Recent findings. (TVPG)	Marvels: Weird Weapons: The Allies (TVPG)		
25 38	IND	Friends	Friends	Sex & City (TV14)	Sex & City (TV14)	⚾ MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at San Diego Padres from PETCO Park (Live) (HD)					
18 63	LIFE	“Love in Another”		“The Substitute” (’93) ★★	Homicidal teacher.	Will (HD)	Will (HD)	Frasier	Frasier		
54 74	MTV	MADE	Date My	Yo Momma	Parental	Direct Effect (TVPG)	Jamie	Fresh Meat	Key West	Key West	
3 9	NBC	9 News (N)	ET (TV G)	Outrageous (TV14)	Outrageous (R)	“10.5: Apocalypse” (’06) Samantha Hill must rescue her father. (NR)	(HD)	9 News (N)	(’35) Jay Leno (HD)		
8 8	NBC	Outrageous (TV14)	Outrageous (R)	“10.5: Apocalypse” (’06) Samantha Hill must rescue her father. (NR)	(HD)	KSN News at 10	Tonight Show with Jay Leno (TV14) (N)	(HD)	Late Night (N) (HD)		
34 55	NICK	Sponge	All Grown	Full House	Hi-Jinks	Bel-Air	Bel-Air	Bel-Air	Bel-Air	Bel-Air	Bel-Air
2 2	PBS	Nova: Volcano Under the City (TV G) (R) (HD)		Texas Ranch House: The Cookie Crumbles		Frontline: Sex Slaves (R)	BBC World News	Python	Charlie Rose (N)		
38 71	SCIFI	“Leeches!” (’03) ★ (R)	“Komodo vs. Cobra” (’05) Giant reptiles.			“Sabretooth” (’02) ★½ Tiger hunts humans. (R)					
61 72	SPK	Trek: Next (TVPG)	Police (TV14)	CSI: Committed		CSI: Coming of Rage	Overhaul’n: 52 Pickup (TV G)	Overhaul’n: Bel Air BBQ (TV G)			
39 43	TLC	Home Chef: Lisa	Home Chef: Edwina	While You Bedroom decoration. (TV G)		Overhaul’n: 52 Pickup (TV G)		Overhaul’n: Bel Air BBQ (TV G)			
28 40	TNT	Law & Order (HD)	Law & Order (HD)	Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order (HD)		The X-Files: Roland			
51 49	TRAV	Taste	Taste	Made	Made	Denali Park (TV G)	Taste	Taste	Made	Made	
21 59	TVLN	Little House (TV G)	Griffith	Sanford	Times	Times	Happening	Cheers	Court	Sanford	
67 79	UNIV	La fea más bella	Barrera de amor	Ver para (TVPG)		Primer imp	Noticiero	La hora de (TVPG)			
20 37	USA	Law & Order (HD)	Law & Order (HD)	Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order (HD)			
12 3	WB	Friends (TV14)	Raymond (TVPG)	Gilmore Girls: Fight Face (TVPG) (R) (HD)		Pepper Dennis (TVPG) (N) (HD)	WB2 News at Nine (N)	Raymond (TVPG)	Will (TV14)		
99 39	WGN	“Three Amigos” (’86) ★★	Stars go South. (PG)			WGN News at Nine	Sex & City	Becker	Home Videos		

WEDNESDAY EVENING

		6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30
E S		E = Eagle Cable S = S&T Telephone									
36 47	A&E	Dog Bounty (TVPG)	Dog Bounty (TVPG)	Inked: Pilot Vegas hotel tattoos. (TVPG)		Criss Angel: Uncut	Mindfreak (TVPG)	Crossing Jordan: Ockham’s Razor (HD)	Dog Bounty (TVPG)	Dog Bounty (TVPG)	
4 6	ABC	Lost: Reckoning (TV14) (R) (HD)		Lost: Live Together, Die Alone (N) (HD)		KAKE News (N)	(’35) Nightline (N)	(’05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (TV14)			
26 54	ANPL	Animal (TV G)	Animals (TV G)	Little Zoo That Could: A Day in the Life...		Animal Cop Fighting cocks. (TVPG)		Animal (TV G)	Animals (TV G)	Little Zoo That Could: A Day in the Life...	
63 67	BRAVO	Top Chef: Reunion	Top Chef			Top Chef: Finale		Kathy Griffin	Top Chef: Finale		
7 11	CBS	Dr. Phil Addict (N)		Criminal Minds: Extreme Aggressor (R) (HD)		CSI: NY: Risk (TV14) (R) (HD)	Eyewitness News	(’35) Late Show with David Letterman (HD)	Ferguson (TV14)		
55 42	DISC	MythBusters: Shredded Plane (TVPG)	MythBusters: Cell Phones on Planes (TVPG)		Future Weapons: The Power of Fear		MythBusters: Alcatraz Escape (TVPG)	MythBusters: Shredded Plane (TVPG)			
33 56	DISN	Possible: Crush	McGuire: Clueless	So Raven (TVY7)	Suite Life: Bowling	Phil: Virtue-Date	So Raven (TVY7)	“Hercules” Hercules must prove that he deserves to return to his home on Mt. Olympus.			
49 66	E!TV	Dr. 90210 (TV14)	Dr. 90210 (TV14)			Dr. 90210 (TV14)	SNL: Dana Carvey	Sexiest Hook-up			
22 28	ESPN	⚾ (5:00) MLB Baseball: Teams TBA (Live) (HD)				Baseball Tonight (HD)	⚾ SportsCenter (HD)	Baseball	Outside		
23 29	ESPN2	Gridiron Stars	⚾ Wed Fights (Live)				Quite from New York	Timeless	Bonds		
32 58	FAM	“The Count of Monte Cristo” (’02, Drama) ★★	Sailor’s revenge.			The 700 Club		Home Video	Home Video		
35 -	FMC	“The Driver” (’78) Ryan O’Neal.	“Paris, Texas” (’84, Drama) ★★	Harry Dean Stanton. (R)	“The Driver” (’78) ★★						
53 45	FOOD	Emeril Live: Perfect Pasta (TV G)	Secret Life (TV G)	Sugar Rush		Good Eats (TV G)	Ham on St. (TV G)		Sugar Rush		
13 7	FOX	American Idol: Season Finale (TV G) (HD)				Fox Report		Blind Date (TVPG)	Blind Date (TVPG)	Maury (TVPG)	
27 25	FX	Married	Married	King	King	’70s	’70s	“X2” Heroes battle agent’s genocidal plan.			
30 27	FHSP	Myers	Spotlight	Dbl. Play	Rockies	⚾ MLB Baseball Rockies at Dodgers (Live)					
- 60	HALL	Walker (TVPG)		“A Fistful of Dollars” (’64, Western) ★★	Land struggle.	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH		
5 -	HBO	Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel		“King’s Ransom” (’05, Comedy) Businessman plots his kidnapping.	(’45) HBO First	Big Love: Where There’s a Will (TVMA) (HD)	The Sopranos: Cold Stones (TVMA) (HD)				
62 44	HGTV	Baths	Kitchens	Want That!	Landscape	House Hunt	You Get	House?	FreeStyle	Baths	Kitchens
58 48	HIST	Modern Marvels: Candy (TVPG)	Modern Marvels: More Snackfood Tech			Modern Marvels: 80’s Tech (TVPG)		Mega Disasters: New York City Hurricane	Modern Marvels: Candy (TVPG)		
25 38	IND	Raymond (TVPG)	Raymond (TVPG)	Sex & City (TV14)	Sex & City (TV14)	⚾ MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at San Diego Padres from PETCO Park (Live) (HD)					
18 63	LIFE	“Miracle Run” (’04)		“See You in My Dreams”		Rancher’s family.	Will (HD)	Will (HD)	Frasier	Frasier	
54 74	MTV	Jamie	Date My	Yo Momma	Parental	Direct Effect (TVPG)	Fresh Meat	Punk’D	Sweet 16	Tiara Girl	
3 9	NBC	9 News (N)	ET (TV G)	Dateline NBC (N)		Law & Order: Magnet (TV14) (R) (HD)	Law & Order: Age of Innocence (R) (HD)	10 News (N)	(’35) Jay Leno (HD)		
8 8	NBC	Dateline NBC (N)		Law & Order: Magnet (TV14) (R) (HD)		Law & Order: Age of Innocence (R) (HD)	KSN News at 10	Tonight Show with Jay Leno (TV14) (N)	(HD)	Late Night (N) (HD)	
34 55	NICK	Sponge	All Grown	Full House	Bel-Air	Bel-Air	Bel-Air	Bel-Air	Bel-Air	Bel-Air	Bel-Air
2 2	PBS	In Our Prime	Opinion (TVPG)	National Geogr.: Arlington: Field of Honor		“Dark Prince: The True Story of Dracula”		Ghost: Best of (TVPG)			
38 71	SCIFI	Ghost: Toxic House	Ghost: Best of (TVPG)			CSI Bar flirt. (TVPG)	CSI (TVPG)	CSI (TVPG)			
61 72	SPK	Trek: Next (TVPG)	Police (TV14)	While You: Baltimore: Feng Shui Office		Super Obese Community for obese. (TV G)	Mystery Diagnosis: Lethal Diet (TVPG)	Untold Stories of the E.R.: What a Day			
39 43	TLC	Home Chef: Laurie	Home Chef (TV G)	NBA Pregam	⚾ NBA Basketball: Playoffs - Teams TBA (Live) (HD)		Vegas Do’s (TVPG)	Wild Poker			
28 40	TNT	Law & Order (HD)	Law & Order (HD)	Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order (HD)			
51 49	TRAV	Vegas Do’s (TVPG)	Wild Poker								
21 59	TVLN	Little House (TV G)	Griffith	Sanford	TVLand Top: TV Cars		Miami Vice (TVPG)	Knight Rider			
67 79	UNIV	La fea más bella	Barrera de amor	Francisco (TVPG)		Primer imp	Noticiero	La hora de (TVPG)			
20 37	USA	Law & Order (HD)	Law & Order (HD)	Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order (HD)			
12 3	WB	Friends (TV14)	Raymond (TV G)	“Daredevil” (’03, Action/Adventure) ★★	A blind lawyer is secretly a superhero by night.	WB2 News at Nine (N)	Raymond (TVPG)	Will: Kiss & Tell			
99 39	WGN	Becker	Becker	Home Impro	Home Impro	WGN News at Nine	Sex & City	Becker	Home Videos		

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SPORTS TELEVISION GUIDE

Tuesday
3:30 p.m. ESPN2 SportsCenter At the Indianapolis 500
4 p.m. ESPN SportsCenter from Bristol, Conn.
5 p.m. ESPN NBA Shootaround
ESPN2 International Soccer Morocco vs United States
6 p.m. ESPN NBA Basketball Conference Final
7 p.m. ESPN2 WNBA Basketball Connecticut Sun at Minnesota Lynx
8 p.m. FXSP MLB Baseball Rockies at Dodgers
IND MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at San Diego Padres from PETCO Park
9 p.m. ESPN SportsCenter from Bristol, Conn.
8 a.m. ESPN2 Cold Pizza from New York

Wednesday
11 a.m. ESPN MLB Baseball Teams TBA
WGN MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Florida Marlins
3:30 p.m. ESPN2 SportsCenter At the Indianapolis 500
4 p.m. ESPN SportsCenter from Bristol, Conn.
5 p.m. ESPN MLB Baseball Teams TBA

Thursday
7 p.m. ESPN2 Wednesday Night Fights
7:30 p.m. TNT NBA Basketball Playoffs - Teams TBA
8 p.m. FXSP MLB Baseball Rockies at Dodgers
IND MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at San Diego Padres from PETCO Park
9 p.m. ESPN SportsCenter from Bristol, Conn.
8 a.m. ESPN2 Cold Pizza from New York

Friday
12 p.m. USA Champions Tour Senior PGA Championship: Second Round from Edmund, OK
12:10 p.m. WGN MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Chicago Cubs from Wrigley Field
1 p.m. ESPN2 Indy Racing League Indy 500 Carb Day
2 p.m. USA PGA Tournament FedEx St. Jude Classic: Second Round
3:30 p.m. ESPN2 SportsCenter At the Indianapolis 500 from Indianapolis
4 p.m. ESPN SportsCenter from Bristol, Conn.
5 p.m. ESPN2 International Soccer Venezuela vs United States from Cleveland, Ohio
5:30 p.m. ESPN Women's College Football Super Regionals
6:30 p.m. TNT NBA Basketball Playoffs - Teams TBA
7 p.m. ESPN2 Friday Night Fights Stevie Johnston vs Herman Ngoudjo
8 p.m. FXSP MLB Baseball Rockies at Giants
9 p.m. ESPN SportsCenter from Bristol, Conn.