

## How to Talk with a Scots Accent

Let's work together to see if we can pick up a bit of a Scots accent. Let's take the following sentence:

*Good little boys and girls will look to find presents on Christmas day.*

1. Let's start with a few word substitutions. Scots tend to say "wee" for "little" or "small." They tend to say "laddie" and "lassie" for "boy" and "girl" (or young adults), with an "ah" sound for the "a." So let's say the sentence as:

*Good wee lahdies and lahssies will look to find presents on Christmas day.*

2. In a Scots accent the "oo" sound in "good" and "look" get pronounced like the "oo" in "boo." So now say the sentence as:

*Goood wee lahdies and lahssies will loook to find presents on Christmas day.*

3. This next one can be the hardest step until you get used to it. In a Scots accent r's are rolled. Depending on the region they may roll the r's lightly or heavily. So try rolling the r's in "presents" and "Christmas."

*Goood wee lahdies and lahssies will loook to find prrresents on Chrristmas day.*

4. Last step - let's add a few Scot's dialect terms, such as "aye" for "yes," "nay" for "no," "ye" for "you," and "ken" for "understand." Scots also tend to pronounce "not" as "na" or "nee." So if an American added to the front of our sentence, "No, do you not understand that..." a Scot would say, "Nay, do ye na ken that..." So let's put it all together.

*Nay, do ye na ken that goood wee lahdies and lahssies will loook to find prrresents on Chrristmas day?*