GERMAN ACCENT
SIGNATURE SOUND SUMMARY

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SIGNATURE SOUNDS
1. post-vocalic /l/ light
2. pre-vocalic /r/ [R]
3. /w/ → [v]
4. [θ and ð] → [s and z; or ɹ and ɬ]
5. post-vocalic voiced plosives & fricatives devoiced and fortis
6. post-vocalic /r/ silent for Germans learning BritEng; also nurse takes [ø]
7. face [ɛː]
8. goat [o]
9. trap [ɛ]
10. lot [ɒ]
11. thought [ɔ̹]
12. bath [ɑ]

ADDITIONAL FEATURES
a. vowel-initial words glottalized
b. shorter vowels before final voiced consonants
c. high energy plosives and fricatives

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