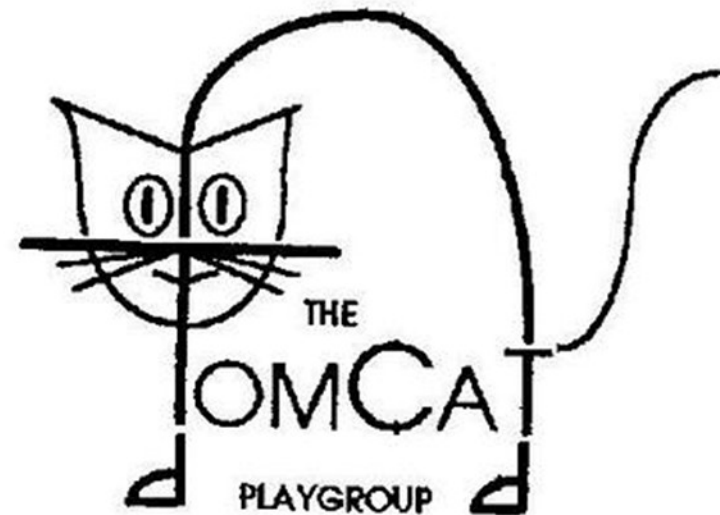


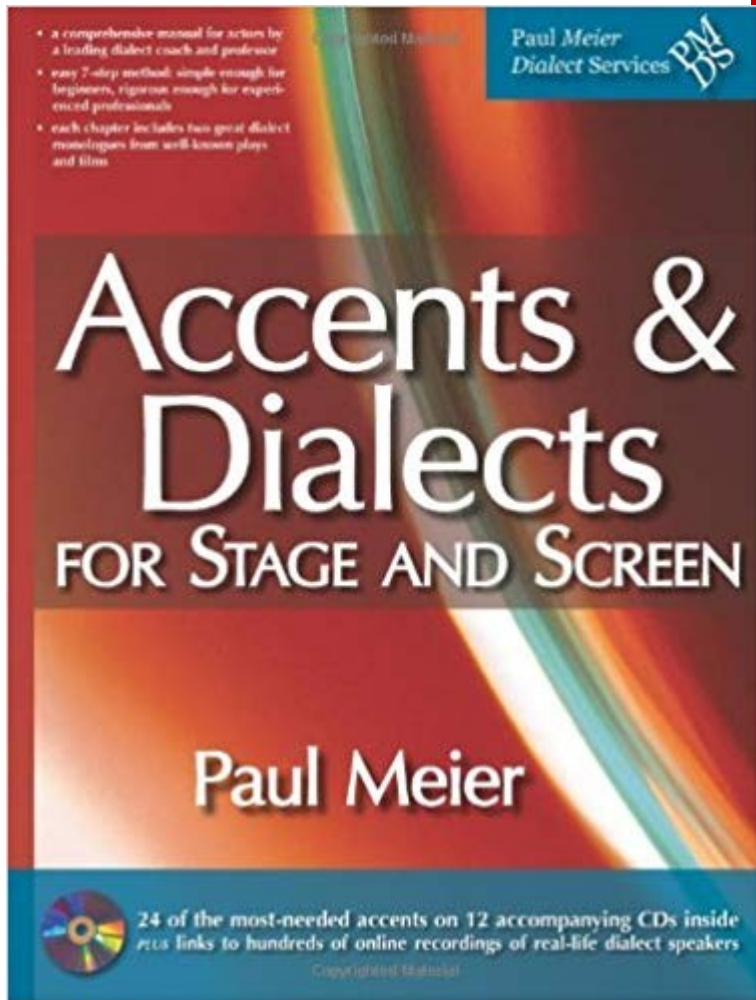
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**American vs. British Suprasegmentals**

# Inspiration





GenAm **devotion to vowels;**

**vowels more open, nasal setting**



RP (GB) **devotion to consonants**

í:	I	U	u:	Iə	eI:	<del>X</del>	
e	ə	ɜ:	ɔ:	ʊə	ɔI	əʊ	
æ	ʌ	ɑ:	ɒ	eə	aI	aʊ	
P	b	t	d	tʃ	dʒ	k	g
f	v	θ	ð	s	z	ʃ	ʒ
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## Difference in suprasegmentals # 2

**voice carries more**

**voice carries less**

# Difference in suprasegmentals # 3

**tempo slower, louder in vol.**

**tempo faster, quieter in volume**

# Difference in suprasegmentals # 4

**volume decreases during utterance**

**volume increases during utterance**

Difference in suprasegmentals # 5

**more items stressed**

**fewer items stressed**



Difference in suprasegmentals # 6

**narrower pitch range**

**wider pitch range**

Difference in suprasegmentals # 7

**volume used for emphasis**

**pitch used for emphasis**

# Research Questions

1 Is this really so?

1a What kind of utterance should be used as corpus?

~~2 If proven, does this utilization of prosody reflect the respective national mentality, philosophy of life and individual speakers' psychology?~~

2a If proven, do these typical/generally accepted speech behavior norms reflect the prevailing philosophy of life (positive, optimistic vs. healthily sceptical)?

# Research Questions

**3 How do non-native speakers enter in the game? Do they automatically transfer the prosodic habits of their own mother tongues into speaking English?**

**4 What are the teaching implications?**

**4b What are the implications of teaching oneself and others corresponding/correct/appropriate/authentic suprasegmentals?**

**4c More generally, what are the ultimate goals of teaching pronunciation to non-native speakers?**

# Research Questions

**5 If this conference seeks to break boundaries, what kind of interdisciplinary study would have to be carried out involving phoneticians, sociolinguists, psycholinguists and psychologists to have all these questions answered?**

**6 Any other... ?**

# ANSWERS ?

## NONE.

### Any comments, suggestions?

attention, comments and  
remarks.

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Enjoy the rest of  
conference, have  
Valentine's and a

journey home!

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