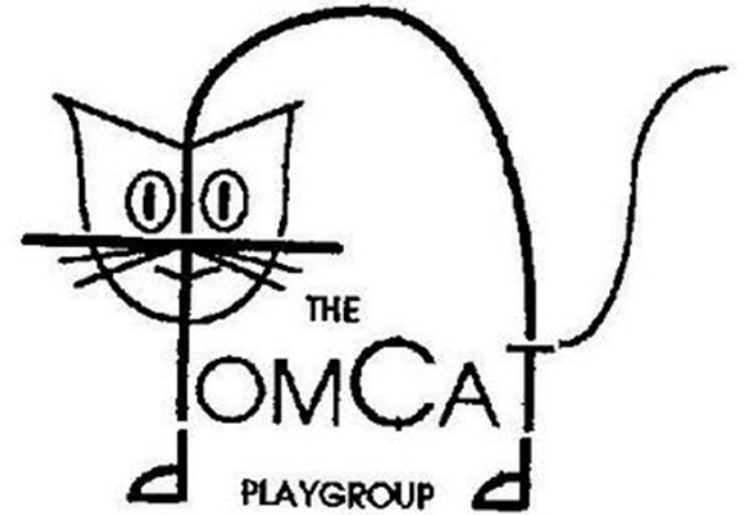


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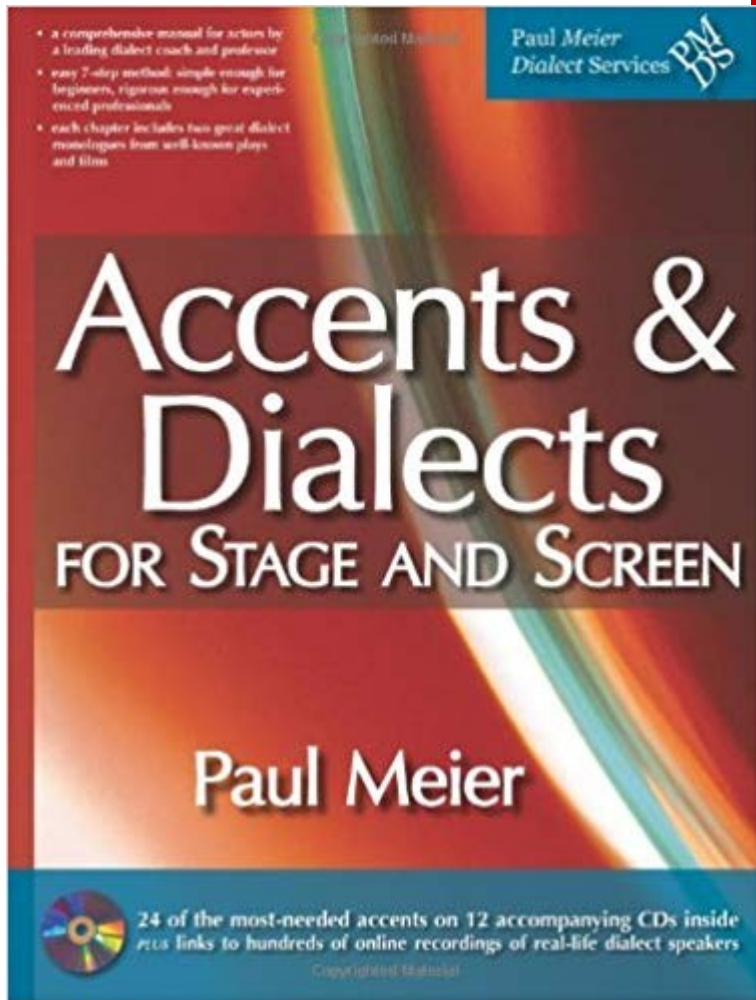


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Prosody, Philosophy, Mentality and Psychology:
American vs. British Suprasegmentals

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Inspiration





GenAm **devotion to vowels;**

vowels more open, nasal setting



RP (GB) **devotion to consonants**

ɪ	I	ʊ	u:	Iə	eI:	X	
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
m	n	ŋ	h	l	r	w	j

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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!

Tomková: GenAm vs. GB suprasegmentals