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1 Reminder of sources: Celce-Murcia, Červinková-Poesová and Uličná; “Digital resources for pronunciation“ in Course-Related Materials (IS)

Life and the entire English language in its spoken form

2 Discussion on project ideas

3 A real-life issue

Dear Dr Tomková,

In today's lecture of practical English, I noticed you uttered the phrase "coloured people". I do not know whether you are aware of it, but it is considered an offensive racial slur. Your wording surprised me because on one occasion you corrected my classmate when they said black people which is considered neutral although African-American is preferred. This led me to the conclusion that you do not know the distinction between those two terms. I am not trying to act as some sort of moral police, but it is a very hurtful phrase as I found out earlier in my studies. I also wanted to spare you the social faux-pas. The preferred term is people of colour. There is only a slight grammatical difference between these two phrases, but the meaning is essential. To prove my point, I will refer you to an article by BBC News and another one

by Chicago Tribune which talk about this issue. My aim was not to lecture you but merely point out something that might lead you to an awkward situation while talking to a native speaker.

Yours sincerely,
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the articles: <https://www.bbc.com/news/newsbeat-30999175>
<https://www.chicagotribune.com/columns/dahleen-glanton/ct-dahleen-glanton-colored-email-reading-list-20200304-utx7geiwm5hupa3t7w6xr3xqn4-story.html>

4 Tomková's NEGLECTED ASPECTS OF ENGLISH PRONUNCIATION

- A) Stresses and associated**
- B) Aspirations**
- C) Reductions**
- D) Voicing**
- E) Linking (Liaison)**

5 Documentation on Chris James - Black British Accent (Stand Up Comedy) (youtube, 2:55)