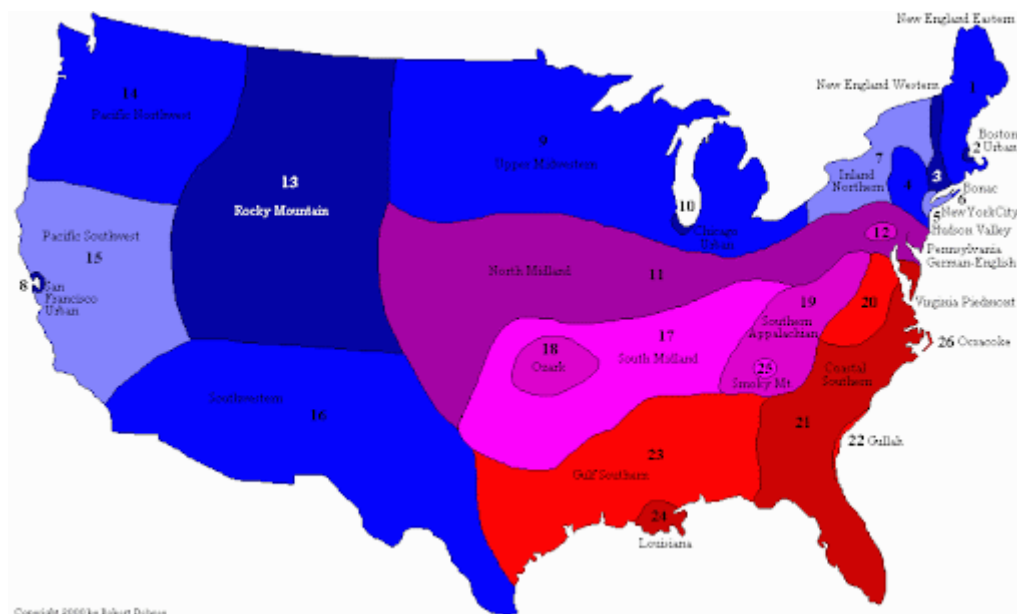


PRONUNCIATION VARIETIES OF AMERICAN ENGLISH

Fall 2021



On-site sessions Fridays 1000, room G22 or G32

Facilitator: Kateřina Tomková, 2060@mail.muni.cz,

3 components to each class: - theory, - listening, - speaking

Compulsory listening:

J.C.Wells – Accents of English *F* - in *IS Study Materials*

Collins and Mees – Practical Phonetics and Phonology *Ga* - in *IS Study Materials, with Gb - tapescripts*

YouTube: 'The English Language in 24 Accents' and sequel

'Accent Expert Gives a Tour of U.S. Accents'

(on WIRED, in 3 parts, 47 mins in all)

'21 Accents by Amy Walker'

'English Accents' (Standard American, ...

'Fun Tour of American Accents' / Amy Walker

'How to Pronounce Can vs. Can't – American English Accent' (on Rachel's English)

recommended by Zuzana Alcnauerová:

- American raising <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q3OKXi5osfU>
- Struggling with str- on X-Factor <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7a9ZdYY5WEA&feature=youtu.be>
- American voice coach doing British <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DBXUXqf8FXk>

Pronunciation training videos on uložto recommended by D. Krásná

- American accent training, password GA: <http://uloz.to/xxytE2pE/american-accent-training-rar>

- Pronunciation workshop, Paul Gruber, pwGA: <http://uloz.to/xA2gZEBB/pronunciation-workshop-rar>

Online sources

- Dialect Map: [American Dialects : Dialect map of American English \(robertspage.com\)](#)
- **Speech Accents Archive:** www.accent.gmu.browse-language
- www.americanaccent.com
- www.pronunciationworkshop.com
- www.accurateenglish.com
- www.world-english.org/listen-english-accents.htm
- www.wisegeek.com/what-are-the-different-accents-and-dialects-in-american-english.htm
- www.accentinstitute.com

Recommended by Hana V.:

- www.aschmann.net/AmEng
- www.ling.upenn.edu
- Lisa Mojsin's accent reduction channel on youtube
- www.englishcentral.com

Literature:

- Phonetics and sociolinguistic terminology
- 'Accents of English' by J.C.Wells, chapters presented in class
- 'The Social Stratification of /r/ in New York City Department Stores' and 'Rules for Ritual Insults', both by William Labov
- 'International English' by Trudgill / Hannah, chapters presented in class
- 'Accent and Dialects for Stage and Screen' by Paul Meier

Requirements:

- Active class participation, 12x3pts=max. 36pts
- Final test max. 50pts
- Contributions up to 14pts
(observations/recordings, presentations bringing a guest)

Syllabus

W1 – Sep. 24

Introduction. Literature. Terminology. Web sources.

Trudgill's chart.

Sources of recordings and tapescripts.

Creating one's own accent. Two collections of errors.

Revision: History of English and its spread, geography of the AmE area.

Segmental differences between GB and GenAm.

An accent and cultural riddle.

W2 – Oct. 1

1005 Feedback of students' suggestions. Revision of USA-5. *HW: Study ppt From Middle English to World Englishes in LMs and look fwd to Pavel's minilecture nxt wk.*

1025 [Intro of the animated dialect map of AmE from businessinsider.com](#)

1035 Dialect map from [rebertspage.com](#)

1040 Trudgill's diagram.

1055 USA-5 revised on the Sociopath sketch.

1115 Vanesa and Linda's research on "-een' endings".

1130 Suprasegmental differences between GB and GenAm.

HW: Rachel's English can x can't

W3 – Oct. 8

- Pavel Čanecký – Present-day AmE as a result of historical development

- Latest trends in GB and GenAm (email of Oct. 7)

- Students' recommendations: Filip, Mariia (just a few words)

- Rev. of pre-fortis shortening (Rachel's English – can vs. can't) – mention of Jenkin's LFC, woodchuck Jager.

- Hana Vrtalová's project. Columbus Day discussion and activities.

W4 – Oct. 15

In exam booklets: short essay

VG: mp3 output in Course-Related Instructions

Follow-up on the Sociopath – An Interview with an Applicant exemplifying BrxAmE

New York

watch

- [Election 2012 | Scarlett Johansson's Full DNC Speech | The New York Times - YouTubeE](#) ['bʌʔəŋ]
- [Cyndi Lauper Solo Recording We R the World 1985 - YouTube](#) TALKING at 6:30 and 7:00
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jdZ50qdbAiw> *If these knishes could talk*

Recommended by Mariia:

- [The Dad With The Strongest New York Accent \(TikTok compilation\) - YouTube](#)
- [If you don't believe you have a NY accent SAY THIS WORD - YouTube](#)

Labov's research

see youtube: American English is Changing Fast (with William Labov)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aL0--f89Qds>

Yiddish hear monologue http://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=new+york+yiddish+accent

Jew at a Restorant: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5V4zYe23QLg>

Downeast New England and South Boston

- [The Bahston Accent — We'll Miss it When it's Gone - YouTube](#)

- [Southie reacts to Whitey Bulger capture - YouTube](#)
- [Boston Brahmin - YouTube](#)

W5 – Oct. 22

Czech patriotic quiz

Pavel Čanecký – Sociolinguistics of Accents – based on Wells and Wolfram

W6 – Oct. 29

Suggestions and findings by Eva Š. and Mariia M.

A quiz in NHL teams

K. Tomková's presentation AMERICAN VOICES in Study Materials>Learning Materials>Theory, encompassing stereotypes and perceptions of:

Canada see *Jim Carey doing Canadian stereotypes*:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ic3xNfEP_o

Mid-West. The West Coast.

Southern U.S states and Deep South.

Southern weather talk, 3 mins, rec. by Mariia: [Things Southerners Say During Bad Weather - YouTube](#)

AAVE.

W7 – Nov. 5

- LINDA: accents by Jake [The English Language in 67 Accents & Random Voices - YouTube](#)
- The East: Boston *Good Will Hunting*,
NYC *the new Mayor; Ir It Yid*; SIMONA BERNIE SANDERS:
[Bernie Sanders' accent, explained - YouTube](#)
NE + Canada, *Fr+Scot*.
Pennsylvania *Rocky, Philadelphia*.
- The Mid-West. LINDA: Yoopers, Trolls (Michigan).
- The West
- The South: Savannah, Georgia=cultivated, Eastern Kentucky mountain twang, New Orleans urban sounds, West Texas (LINDA: why Lone Star),
- Deep South: Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana (Cajun), Mississippi, the Florida panhandle, parts of Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, N and S Carolinas to the outer limits of Oklahoma, Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia.
- the Chicano influence, Gullah
- AAVE

test by ELLA

ocean's 8 - awkwafina

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UGS878p_Q7A&t=191s

(2:29-3:07)

2. Ariana Grande

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WolA-5HocYk> (1:47-2:07)

3. Cash me outside

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R8l2Ga3_vwU (1:03-1:11)

4. genuine black accent

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tBB1uNNtBzM> (short vid – aave real)

- The Caribbean feel:

DOMINIKA [Trinidad](#) [Can New Yorkers understand my Caribbean accent for \\$50?? - YouTube](#)

Jamaica [Brad Pitt talking patois - Everyting gwarn be iree - YouTube](#)

Recommended by Silvie Š.: Trevor Noah, AAVE

[African American Vernacular English \(AAVE\) - YouTube](#); <https://oraal.uoregon.edu/facts>

An exercise on U.S. Presidents's speech

W8 – Nov. 12

- Recap, foreview and AmE signature sounds exercise.

[Air Traffic Control - SNL - YouTube](#) [Don't Pray So Much - Saturday Night Live - YouTube](#) [Bar Mitzvah Boys behaviour | 2 Broke Girls - YouTube](#)

- November lights

- The Caribbean (West Indies): Jamaica, Trinidad, Guyana, Barbados, the Leewards, Bahamas.

[English in the Caribbean.ppt \(uni-due.de\)](#)

[Caribbean English -](#)

[Phonetics&Phonology - YouTube](#)

- Overseas varieties based on American English: (Singapore - [Learning Singlish \(Singaporean English\) - Xiaxue's Guide To Life: EP178 - YouTube](#),) the Philippines (Magdalena), the Hawaii [The United States Of Accents: Hawaii English And Pidgin \(babel.com\)](#).

HW and suggestion for extending the AMERICAN VOICES material.

NO CLASS ON NOV. 19 = READING WEEK online students' conference

W9 – Nov. 26

- Agenda in December; progress of AMERICAN VOICES; Accent Tag
- Converting 2 Am phrases into BrE
- Speaking practice based on *GenAm Signature sounds from Meier* (LM THEORY section; 15 blocked-off ppl) and on a topical recording (text 12 ppl; freeze maple leaf; notes into exm bklts).
- Kahoot Revision based on newly found recordings by Miloš.
- More revision based on videos discovered by Jiří and materials on Caribbean (and Pacific) varieties.
- Second-language varieties based on AmE.)

W10 – Dec. 3

Online session at: <https://cesnet.zoom.us/j/93827708092>

- The latest development in the Caribbean (Barbados!).
- Finding by Darina Z: BBC Library Voicebank (Mr Trickle)

- Findings by Dominika L:
- - Fred Armison Does Every NA Accent 5.57
- - Fred Armison Can Do Any Southern Accent 2.17
- - Emilia Clarke can talk like a Valley girl 3.29
- - Like, Totally 2.20
- Findings and presentation by Markéta B.
- - WanderWisdom.com (culture of U.S. South)
- - Dialects in Eugene O'Neill's plays (pptx in LM THEORY)
- Pavel Čanecký's paper on pronunciation programs, apps and tools.

W11 – Dec. 10

A hybrid class, in G32 and <https://cesnet.zoom.us/j/93827708092>

Findings by Dominika and Anna.

MOCK TEST in theory, accent classification and recognition.

W12 – Dec. 17

Feedback of MOCK TEST. **CREDIT TEST.**

Results available by Dec. 24.

Relevant tapescripts in Collins and Mees, Practical Phonetics and Phonology:

- 40 – General American
- 51 – Southern USA (Texas)
- 52 – Kentucky
- 53 – Canadian
- 58 – Singapore
- 59 – Caribbean (West Indian)