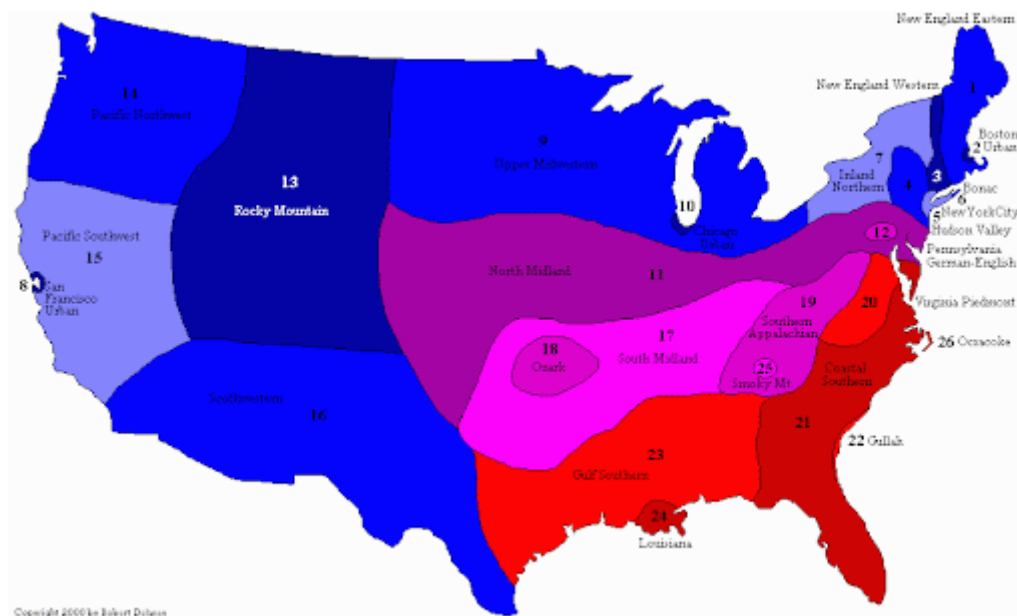


PRONUNCIATION VARIETIES OF AMERICAN ENGLISH

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

'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 uloz.to recommended by D. Krásná

- American accent training, password GA: <http://uloz.to/xytE2pE/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 \(robertspage.com\)](http://www.american-dialects.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.

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 P. Čanecký – the historical path of American English

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

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

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

W4 – Oct. 15

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

British vs. American English – JC Wells – exercise.

New York watch <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DwC-gJy68gE> Scarlett Johansson ['bʌʔəŋ]
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jdZ50qdbAjw> If these knishes could talk

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

W5 – Oct. 22

Canada see Jim Carey doing Canadian stereotypes:

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

Mid-West revisited. The West Coast.

W6 – Oct. 29

Southern U.S states and Deep South. AAVE.

W7 – Nov. 5

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

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

W8 – Nov. 12

Overseas varieties based on American English: (Singapore,) the Philippines, Hawaii.

NO CLASS ON NOV. 19 = READING WEEK

W9 – Nov. 26

Second-language varieties based on AmE.

W10 – Dec. 3

Revision activities, presentations, guests.

W11 – Dec. 10

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)