

## English accents and dialects

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In this master class we consider a number of salient phonological and grammatical features of major accents and dialects of English. These include regional accents/dialects (for example in England, Scotland and the US) as well as social accents/dialects (that is, the speech associated with different socio-economic classes and male and female speakers).

We will not only describe dialect differences but also look into possible sources of variation. For example: Why do speakers in the southwest of England pronounce /r/ in words like *floor* while speakers in the southeast don't? Why does the pronunciation of /r/ in words like *floor* vary among speakers in New York? And why do Scottish speakers pronounce a different vowel in words like *mate* [me:t] than speakers in the south of England [meɪt]?

The discussion will be supported by audio and video material, and students will be invited to actively contribute to analysis.

The class is taught in English.

