



DIALECTS AND ACCENTS IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Abstract:

English is a global language, often serving as a lingua franca. It is considered a "saviour" language because it can help you communicate in many foreign countries where person does not know the local language. The English language is considered to be a single entity but this language is spoken differently because of numerous dialects and accents. The reasons for these differences are social, historical, cultural and geographical factors. This article is aimed to illustrate different accents and dialects of English language.

Key words: dialect, accent, language, geographical and speakers.

Аннотация: Английский язык - это глобальный язык, часто выступающий в роли лингва франка, что делает его "спасительным" языком для тех, кто отправляется в зарубежные страны, не зная местного языка. Хотя английский язык считается единым целым, его устная речь отличается разнообразием, обусловленным многочисленными диалектами и акцентами. Эти различия обусловлены социальными, историческими, культурными и географическими факторами. В этой статье мы рассмотрим все возможные виды акцентов и диалектов Английского языка.

Ключевые слова: диалект, акцент, язык, географический и говорящий

Introduction:

As it has been mentioned above, the English language is a widely spoken language. Additionally, it has a number of dialects and accents. First of all, what is dialect itself? Dialect is a regional or social variety of a language that differs from the standard language in terms of pronunciation, vocabulary, and grammar. It's like a unique flavor of the same language, spoken by a particular group of people.

Dialects refer to the differences in grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation. For example, the English spoken in Liverpool (Scouse) and London (Cockney) are distinctly different, showcasing unique vocabulary and grammatical structures.

Regarding accents, accent is about the way of speaking of particular city or region. Interestingly, England has 40 different dialects. Accents and dialects occurred because of historical factors, geographical zones. Here are some examples of different types of dialects and accents in English language.

1. Cockney: from London's East End. This type of dialect is famous for substituting "th" with "f";

2. Received Pronunciation: referred to as “Queen’s English”. It is considered the standard British accent;

3. Scouse: from Liverpool. The “a” in words like “man” and “cat” is similarly pronounced like the “a” in “father”. Thus, “cat” is pronounced like “caht” and “mahn” from “man”.

4. Geordie: from Newcastle. The “u” in words like “put” and “but” are pronounced with “oo” Therefore, these two words are pronounced like “poot” and “boot”.

Conclusion:

All in all, it is important to appreciate all types of accents. By celebrating the variety of accents, gain a deeper understanding of the nature of language and the influences of culture. The more we learn the accents and dialects, the more we can speak with people from different parts of the country.

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