

Linguistics at the Library – Episode 2

PhD placement students, Andrew Booth and Rowan Campbell, write:

In the second episode of Linguistics at the Library, Andrew and Rowan discuss some of the differences between regional accents and 'RP' (Received Pronunciation), and why people might feel that they have to change the way they speak to work in certain jobs. Using clips from the British Library's [Evolving English](#) Collection, we look at the concepts of stigma and prestige, and how social factors can influence the way we perceive accents.

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This week's 'What's the feature?' used a clip from: *BBC Voices Recording in Driffield*. BBC, UK, rec. 2004 [digital audio file]. British Library, C1190/16/02. Available:

<http://sounds.bl.uk/Accents-and-dialects/BBC-Voices/021M-C1190X0016XX-0201V0>

Interesting links:

Have you experienced discrimination due to your accent? Submit your story to the Accentism Project: <http://accentism.org/>

Peter Trudgill's piece on modern RP:

<http://www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/home/estuary/trudgill.htm>

Social Mobility Commission report:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/less-affluent-kids-are-locked-out-of-investment-banking-jobs>

Prejudice against English teachers with Northern accents:

<http://www.manchester.ac.uk/discover/news/research-exposes-prejudice-over-teachers-with-northern-accents/>

Overt and covert prestige:

<https://linguistics.knoji.com/language-and-socioeconomic-status-overt-vs-covert-prestige/>

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