


# How to speak Manc

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Today is gonna be the day that they're gonna throw it back to you  
By now you shoulda, somehow, realised what you gotta do  
I don't believe that anybody feels the way I do about you now

Who is the interpret?

# OASIS



Liam & Noel Gallagher  
Manchester-born singers

Manchester



North West England

# Mancunian

- BrE /mæŋ'kjuː.ni.ən/
- Irregular **demonym** (= a term describing inhabitants of a particular place)  
(compare: Liverpool – Liverpudlian, Glasgow – Glaswegian, Newcastle – Geordie, etc.)
- N a person from Manchester in north-west England
- Adj. from or connected with the city of Manchester in north-west England (e.g. M. singer)
- Latin word for the area „Mancunium“

# History

- Roman fort Mamucium - AD 79
- 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> century - Northumbria
- Britons, Angles, Danes
- 14<sup>th</sup> cent. – Flemish weavers
- 16<sup>th</sup> cent. – wool trade
- Industrial Revolution – cotton-mills, cotton import
- Transport – Bridgewater Canal 1761, Liverpool and Manchester Railway 1830

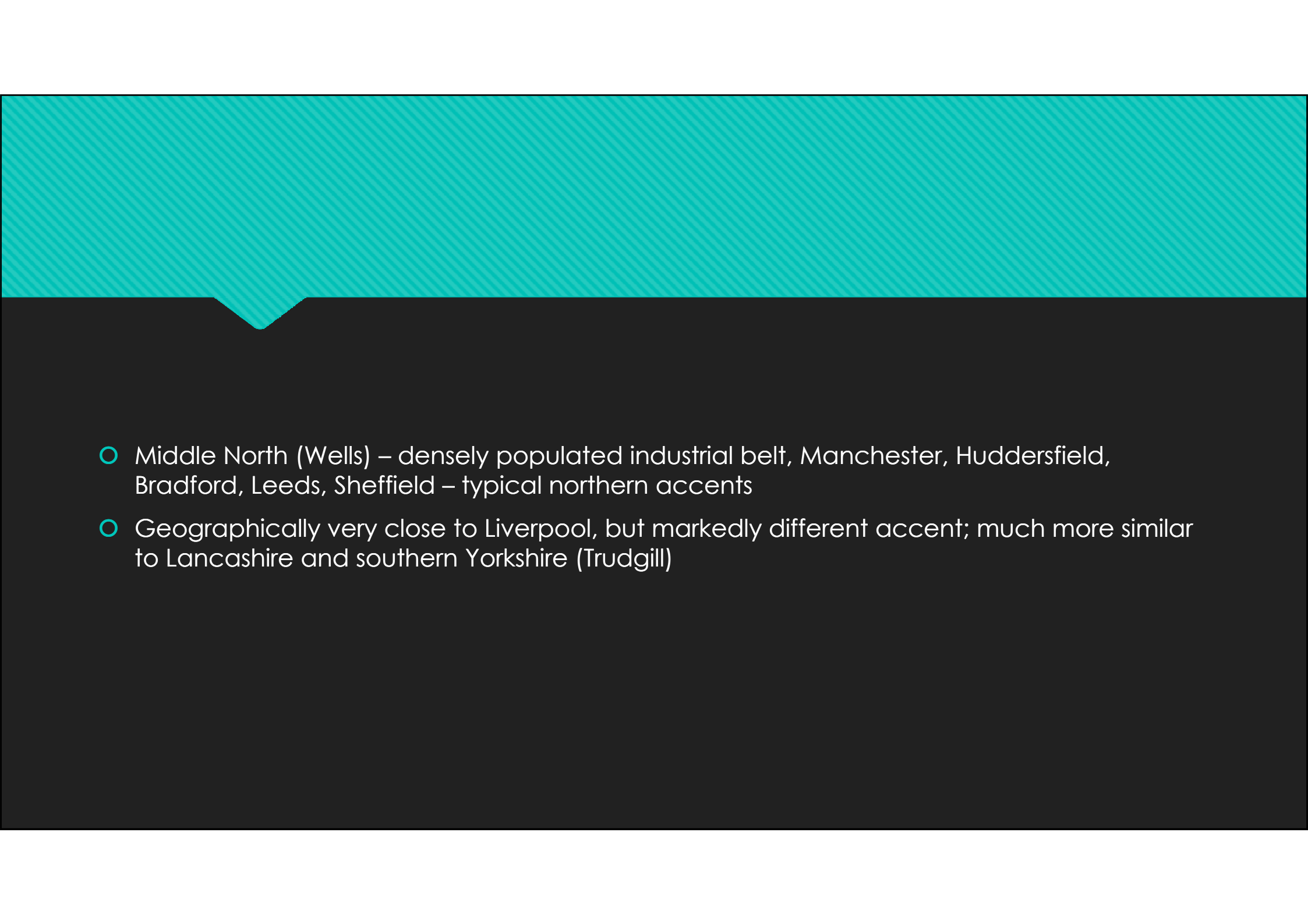
# History

- 'Cottonopolis' – population explosion – Irish 15% in 1851, Scottish 2% in 1871, Welsh
- Jewish immigrants from Central and Eastern Europe
- Germans, Italians
- Manchester Ship Canal 1894 – workers from Africa, Asia, Middle East, Scandinavia
- Chinatown – second in the UK, third largest in Europe
- Asian community

# North vs South

- Great Vowel Shift – North less affected
- Foot x strut split (South)
- /ʌ/ x /ʊ/ as in *butter, up*
- /ɑ:/ x /ɑ/ as in *bath, grass, laugh*



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- Middle North (Wells) – densely populated industrial belt, Manchester, Huddersfield, Bradford, Leeds, Sheffield – typical northern accents
  - Geographically very close to Liverpool, but markedly different accent; much more similar to Lancashire and southern Yorkshire (Trudgill)

# Manc x RP (vowels)

- No /ʌ/ vowel
- /u:/ in book, look, cook
- No /ɑ:/ vowel
- Nasality (twang)
- Final -y (in words like really) realised as /e/ instead of RP /i:/

# Manc x RP (consonants)

- T-glottalization /ʔ/ as in *get out of, alright*
- Final /ŋ/ as in *thing, long* realised as /ŋg/
- H-dropping word initial as in *hand* /ænd/
- Th-fronting – three=free (homophones)
  
- Non-rhotic in comparison to some other accents in the same area

# Grammatical features

- RP: I was sitting    x    Manc: I was stood
- RP: I was, he/she was    x    Manc: I were, he/she were
- Tag: *innit*
- RP: You have written/He has taken    x    Manc: You have wrote/He has took

# Manc slang

- Rhyming slang (compare to Cockney)

Newton Heath = teeth

Salford Docks = socks

- Kahoot
- Manc slang in a poem (by Manc poet Argh Kid)

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/argh-kid-national-poetry-day-11991211>

# Where can you hear/listen to Manc?

- Coronation Street (soap opera)
- Shameless (comedy)
- Life on Mars (BBC crime drama)
- Ideal (BBC sitcom)

- VOQUENT – database of voices, voice actors according to accents

[https://www.voquent.com/voice-actors/find/?search=search&search=Search&uniqueAccent\[\]=1117&free-text=&voice-id-input=&&pagenum=1](https://www.voquent.com/voice-actors/find/?search=search&search=Search&uniqueAccent[]=1117&free-text=&voice-id-input=&&pagenum=1)

- YT:

Learn Liam Gallagher's Mancunian Accent (Eat Sleep Dream English)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ibTUQHkBiWM&ab\\_channel=EatSleepDreamEnglish](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ibTUQHkBiWM&ab_channel=EatSleepDreamEnglish)

746. Karl Pilkington's 3-Minute Wonders / Manchester Accent (Luke's English Podcast)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L-EHQsbAXRk&ab\\_channel=Luke%27sEnglishPodcast](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L-EHQsbAXRk&ab_channel=Luke%27sEnglishPodcast)

Lancashire vs Yorkshire Accent, Culture, and Making Tea (English Like a Native)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CEyulxp8up0&ab\\_channel=EnglishLikeANative](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CEyulxp8up0&ab_channel=EnglishLikeANative)

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