

Recommended by Eliška Pituchová, Geordie, NZ and Irish:

Sarah Millican is a great stand-up comedian and a Geordie speaker. Stand-up comedians can represent their accents really well, I think, as they usually speak naturally and aren't as affected by other speakers around them, because they mostly perform alone. Sarah also interacts with the audience often and calls everyone the typical "luv", among other "endearments", which is not shown in these two videos, because the audience segments are usually longer.

Geordie Slang | Live at the Apollo | Sarah

Millican: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lzeRSmu4xIk>

And this one is even a comparison with RP vowels.

Sarah Millican Learns How to Talk Proper: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BZslt3-X7_E

The next video is from the British show Taskmaster, which features mostly British and Irish comedians, so they have a great number of regional accents represented in each series. But occasionally there are comedians from other English-speaking countries. Here, one of the contestants was Rose Matafeo from New Zealand. In the recording, the rest of the participants and hosts are making fun (in good spirits) of her pronunciation of the word "shed" (similar to the deck vs. d*ck jokes on NZ

pronunciation): <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/0THQU62YVoQ>

Foil Arms and Hog, an Irish comedic trio.

Regional Accent Discrimination: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i3gyQLgr8m8>

How to Speak Dublin: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OhdXJrGr1iM>

A Kerryman Gives Directions: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QvET1-e3aJl>

When Irish People Can't Speak Irish: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ydSNgr97gSY>

The Irish comedian trio I have recommended before have uploaded a new video today, again on the topic of accent discrimination. It's funny and fairly short.

TV Show Accents: The Winners and...the Losers: <https://youtu.be/sjUSi6c4pcU>

Recommended by Míša Budínská, all MLE:

Learn Stormzy's British English Accent:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1MQdEVo6Ycl&t=250s>

Multicultural London English (MLE) or Jafaican:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0KdVoSS_2PM

London Accent Tip (MLE) "Bruv" "Innit" "Ting!"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iUjMmwxmOnY>

Recommended by Jakub Podešva (Patois, Cockney & Brummie):

Brad Pitt speaking Jamaican Patois in Meet Joe

Black: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TnBupO_Kjto&ab_channel=saturnzreturn

Brad Pitt (Pikey) and Jason Statham (Cockney) in Snatch (sorry for the strong language):

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ySyBMTo-1sc&ab_channel=FerhanTV

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tGDO-9hfail&ab_channel=Movieclips

Tom Hardy (Cockney) and Cillian Murphy (Brummie) in Peaky Blinders (sorry again for the language, hard to find a Peaky Blinders video without cussing):

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Imz7Qzxa90&t=115s&ab_channel=Shells21100

Tom Burke (probably RP) and Holliday Grainger (certainly up North because of the /u/) in CB Strike (based on books by Robert Galbraith aka JK Rowling):

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G5hZs4lh9TY&ab_channel=StrikeFans

A bit of Scouse from a Liverpool fan:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2_O5YHX4urE&ab_channel=TheRedmenTV

Recommended by Anička Koukalová, all about MLE:

I went ahead and did some research on recordings of multicultural London English. I hope some of the videos I am sharing with you may be useful for the course this semester and in the future if you have not received them from someone else yet.

1) I was very happy to find a video about MLE on Eat Sleep Dream English, which is a fantastic Youtube channel about pronunciation varieties that I know from your seminars. In this video, the author analyses the MLE features using an interview with a well-known British musician Stormzy. He starts by introducing the MLE as a fast-moving BrE accent and analyses not only the pronunciation itself but vocabulary choices as well.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1MQdEVo6Ycl&ab_channel=EatSleepDreamEnglish

2) Next, I would like to point out the video which is very different compared to the one from Eat Sleep Dream English. Here, the speaker focuses on explaining commonly used phrases of London slang (that is how she refers to it) and MLE is not mentioned. However, from the content and comments, it is quite clear that the mentioned phrases could be considered part of the MLE. What I also find interesting is the fact that a lot of people in the comment section

point out that this accent is influenced by Jamaican Patois, others call it the London/Caribbean mix and I also find one comment which proposed more slang expressions. MLE is also nicknamed Jafaican which marks the Jamaican influences on the accent, however, it is influenced by many more languages and/or accents.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0c0H0lyz1kc&ab_channel=g0ldyas

3) I found this short extract on Youtube Shorts and although it does not focus on MLE only, I think it could be a quick practice for the final test as it is a quiz on different British accents. And the MLE is in the quiz too!

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/YIQSCwl5eks>

Recommended by Ilina Pashaj:

MLE

https://youtu.be/0KdVoSS_2PM

1. VOICE OF YOUNG LONDON
2. H IS BACK
3. IN THE VIDEO DIFFERENCES BETWEEN A MOTHER SPEAKING COCKNEY AND HER SON MLE
4. Th fronting
5. Cockney speakers have left London and moved to Kent .
6. Blue print of MLE – ion dropping
7. Rising inflections
8. Dropping sounds
9. Replacing sound th with v or r

Cockney by Alfie Solomons starred by the god- like Tom Hardy

<https://youtu.be/UaTiZAT9LVU>

1. TH= F
2. Don't say sound t except in the beginning of words
3. Drop H especially in the beginning of words
4. Don't say g sound at the end of ING
5. Dark L before the consonant quite different from the light L before a vowel
6. Voiced TH = V
7. Cockney diphthong especially word LIKE

Birmingham Accent by Peaky Blinders examples

<https://youtu.be/TltSgaUR-0A>

1. Use U

2 Diphthongs like in game , name the sound becomes an (ai) so an I rather than e

- 3 Sound Y like in funny , money , they put a diphthong at the end
- 4 Non Rhoticity – It is not pronounced the R coming after a vowel sound
- 5 If a vowel comes after an R becomes tapped and rolled
- 6 Dropping of sound H
- 7 Linking words

An example of **Cockney** dialect by familiar working class in which they talk about some cockney phrases and preconceptions about people who use them.

<https://youtu.be/mjNiTIVNyOM>

This last one is a fantastic video comparing the **Brummy and Cockney** accent spoken by Cillian Murphy and Tom Hardy in Peaky Blinders .

<https://youtu.be/ZXtFPAzZ9KI>

1.The common thing between accents is the use of wide vowels

Brummy accent By Cillian Murphy

1His accent is very soft and measured

2Melodic nature with a distinct pronunciation

Cockney London by Tom Hardy which also shows the influence of Jewish culture

1 Treacle instead of mate

2Knock yourself out – go ahead and do what you want

3 Th fronting

4 Glottal T

5 W sound used on words like hell and other words of a dark L used in brummy .

Recommended by Bianca Mandíková, miscellaneous:

The first link is a video by Eric Singer called "Accent Expert Explains How to Tell Accents Apart". He compares Australia vs New Zealand, South vs North England, and some American accents, so I thought it would be great as there are various accents including some examples as well.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XKuPfZpzEHg&ab_channel=WIREd

The next is from a Youtube channel Eat Sleep Dream English called "11 English Accents from Around the World in 1 Video". It is a bit longer, around 40mins, however, it includes a series of native speakers not only talking about their respective English varieties but also providing some examples of pronunciation, language rules/exceptions, etc.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8dGI_9Kk18c&ab_channel=EatSleepDreamEnglish

Lastly, I am a big fan of Trevor Noah and I know you already mention him in the study materials as a reference for South African English. He is exceptionally good at imitating accents and I thought the class might enjoy hearing his accent impersonations.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yWI61kpFEAA&ab_channel=TheDailyShow

Recommended by Martina Kucháriková: 2 Instagram accounts

1. Sarah Valentine (instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/actorsaccentcoach/>)
(Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/@actorsaccentcoach>)

Sarah Valentine is a well-known accent coach for multiple TV series and movies. Her work is listed on IMDB. Even though she was born in Surrey, England, she is well trained in American accent(s) as well.

She uses primarily TikTok (not included here), but also Instagram, and Youtube - the content stays pretty much the same.

I really enjoyed the two types of videos she makes:

- 21 accents and more, where she repeats the same sentence in different accents . They are very short and enjoyable - the true reason I like her.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLEmFQGsNWXNv8u66KMDPj0CV2oXe12Xha>

- learn a...accent, where she explains (not only) British accents

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLEmFQGsNWXNt2SbTbuyv2GqIKCBkBwC5j>

2. Luke Nicholson - the man behind the Improve Your Accent accounts. Again, I found him on Instagram, where he shares mainly funny tips about English language (<https://www.instagram.com/improveyouraccent/?hl=en>)

But he also has a Youtube channel, where he deals with various English accents and has many, many un-sortable videos about English language :D
(<https://www.youtube.com/@ImproveYourAccent/videos>)

Recommended by Gabriela Hreusová, Celebrities' accents:

A ranking of accents by a YouTube teacher Lucy
British Accents Ranked from Easiest to Hardest:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oV8_rdjok38&ab_channel=EnglishwithLucy

Also by Gabriela, the series ENGLISH LIKE A NATIVE:

West Country:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ahznvtDunEw&ab_channel=EnglishLikeANative

Cockney (London):

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7_FtnOTLkSs&ab_channel=EnglishLikeANative

Brummie (Birmingham):

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pUyuwtRNSkA&ab_channel=EnglishLikeANative

Yorkshire:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=THsSizqiSKs&ab_channel=EnglishLikeANative

Scouse (Liverpool):

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R_C4PDSfQJA&ab_channel=EnglishLikeANative

Mancunian (Manchester):

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6fflOaj-Gdg&ab_channel=EnglishLikeANative

Geordie (Newcastle):

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0C1jbnBB6nc&ab_channel=EnglishLikeANative

Glaswegian (Glasgow):

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3FBDCmibOM4&ab_channel=EnglishLikeANative

Scottish:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y8oYtLUvsaA&ab_channel=EnglishLikeANative

Northern Irish:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OEaT4W7LL60&ab_channel=EnglishLikeANative

Irish:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oebllkcHAWg&list=PL_Zjf61X10RIqL3ln7rk2WUAyhz8mT_G1&index=14&ab_channel=EnglishLikeANative

Recommended by Kamila Vlčková, differences between AUS and NZ accents:

[AUSTRALIA vs NEW ZEALAND Speech! - YouTube](#)

Recommended by Jakub Podešva, miscellaneous:

While talking about foreign language varieties last time, I recalled this scene by the brilliant Luis de Funes which demonstrates that the TH sound is difficult for speakers all over.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J_9X8PVlfBE&ab_channel=DavidVilla

Next, while I was on an Erasmus exchange in Derby, I encountered the music of Billy Bragg who, unlike many British singers, seems to keep his accent (probably Essex) even when singing.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aCfRcgoPxTw&ab_channel=Mrsomeone100001

Lastly, maybe something for the Easter class, David Suchet aka Hercule Poirot reading St John's Gospel in his lovely RP.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K9qf12Nn43U&ab_channel=WestminsterAbbey

Recommended by Adéla Dvořáková, miscellaneous:

5 Hardest British Accents • https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R6_8OEvi85E

- Rather longish video, however, the girl makes a great job at explaining the difference in pronunciation of the Brummie, Geordie, Scouse, Glaswegian and Cockney accents on few simple words with video examples – it's obvious she's not a phonologist, however, she provides good tips for other videos or speakers of the accents to look for

Vanity Fair Slang Videos • <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vYRHrFEpbHk>

- Here we can compare English and Geordie accents with American Texan accent • <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cMHsSB4gLAU>

- Here we have Scottish, English and Irish – James McAvoy's accents is very strong and noticeable here

- There are other videos by Vanity Fair showing celebrities speaking and explaining their dialects

Scottish Accent • <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/iuxd22NHnaU>

- Rhoticity, glottalization

- Listen to the pronunciation of: „life“, „now“, „at first“, „what“

- Scottish accent is rhotic, dark ,l', glottal stop, /i/ -> /e/, /ai/ -> /ei/, smoothing diphthongs

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pJtMnfTYjDQ>

- A short video of a man learning the phrase „I cannot do that“ in Scottish accent together with the legendary Scottish temperament

- The same page actually has multiple similar videos on different British accents

- <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/wY5iuxJC5gI>

- I really do not know whether this is actually the way Scottish people pronounce these words... either way he's cute at least

Catherine Tate • <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WxB1gB6K-2A&t=77s>

- A video from our beloved Catherine Tate where we can compare the Scottish dialect spoken by David Tennant and Tate's Cockney
- Listen to the pronunciation of „page“ or „extremely“ by Tennant • <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-BVgPeZR-Y>
- Catherine Tate and her posh family welcome in their home a Northern nanny, speaking Geordie – not only good for comparing RP and Geordie, but also showing and mocking the prevalent stereotypes in British society

Different Slangs • <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8aJXgvj-wt8>

- This video really shows the difference in Scottish, English and Irish dialect, mainly regarding the slang used in each of the countries
- However, when listening carefully we can compare the difference in accents as well
- The perfect example is when the English and Scottish representatives pronounce „guttled“ – we can hear strong glottalization on the Scottish part (if you listen to her more she glottalizes really almost everything – later even the phrase „at her“)
- The Irish accent is not very prevalent – however, at the very end we can hear the Cork Irish accent

Australian Accent • <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9QCgqQdmr0M> • https://www.youtube.com/shorts/Mg8p_u5yR9c

- Slang: „mate“
- Pronunciation: non-rhotic, broad vowels, pronounced diphthongs, dropping g at the end of –ing, yod coalescence

Historical Development of English • <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iSSTv8-2358>

- There is a short explanatory video of the historical development of English, for fun really, it is not very detailed, only to remind us the basics

IDEA: International Dialects of English Archive <https://www.dialectsarchive.com/>

- Archive of English dialects from all around the world conducted by Paul Meier

Recommended by Pavel Hadraba, miscellaneous:

TAIKA WAITITI (NEW ZEALAND):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Ef7r-DM8Hg>

- Taika Waititi is an actor and director from New Zealand, very famous lately for his movies from the Marvel cinematic universe (*Thor: Ragnarok*) or satirical comedies (*Jojo Rabbit*) in which he usually plays a minor, or even a major character. The first movie that made him famous was a Mockumentary *What We Do in the Shadows*, depicting lives of New Zealand vampire flatmates.

JAMES MCAVOY (SCOTLAND):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DuKpwolfNX8>

- James McAvoy is a Scottish actor famous for a number of movies, such as *The Chronicles of Narnia, IT: Chapter II*, or the *X-Men* movies. Born in Glasgow, his accent is strongly Scottish, however he is also able to speak GB when the need comes.

CILLIAN MURPHY (IRELAND):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hkO8qXCFYWA&t=1275s>

- Cillian Murphy is an Irish actor probably best known for the role of Thomas Shelby, a crime syndicate head from the TV series *Peaky Blinders*. Even though this series depicts him as a man from Birmingham (therefore speaking Brummie), Cillian is originally Irish and this video shows his natural accent.

DENIS VILLENEUVE (FRANCE):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GoAA0sYkLI0&t=194s>

- A French director of the very popular recently shot movie *Dune*, who in this video speaks the French accent quite strongly.

JAMIE CARRAGHER (LIVERPOOL/SCOUSE):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DCJNdMVbsoY>

- A former Liverpool player, now a sport expert and commentator, born right next to Liverpool was strongly influenced by his geographical location and has never changed. His Scouse accent is one of the strongest I have ever witnessed somebody actually speak.

AAAND FINALLY – JIMMY CARR DOING AN ACCENT MASHUP:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iZ05riJ3SgA>

- This video is a combination of different clips by a comedian Jimmy Carr, which I personally find very amusing and it serves as a good help to a lot of accents at once. Also it doesn't take that long and those of you who don't mind offensive jokes might enjoy even the humorous side of it.

Recommended by Míša Harazimová, West Country accent:

It is a song called Combine Harvester by The Wurzels who happen to be from Somerset and all of their songs are about the local culture and villages (and also farming which seems to be a very common topic connected to the West Country) which also reflects in the lyrics and most importantly their accent because it displays many features of the West Country accent.

Here's a link to a version without lyrics:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=btEpF334Rtc&ab_channel=SammyTheWalrus

And here's one without:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dpZIKdb3Kw0&ab_channel=JPC1A