Resources for Language Variation, Language Change and Discourse Analysis

Language Variation and Change

Overviews

Introductory

Intermediate

Advanced
Specific Topics

Attitudes to and changes in accents & dialects

Accommodation / convergence

Regional factors

Written and spoken language
Resources

DECTE: [http://research.ncl.ac.uk/decte](http://research.ncl.ac.uk/decte)

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**Standard English as a Social Dialect**

- Three views on standard English: [http://www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/home/dick/standard.htm](http://www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/home/dick/standard.htm)

**RP as a Social Accent**

- Kerswill, Paul (2001). *Mobility, meritocracy and dialect levelling: the fading (and phasing) out of Received Pronunciation*. [http://www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/home/estuary/rp.htm](http://www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/home/estuary/rp.htm)
- Fabricius, Anne (2005). Mobility, contact and an accent norm: the case of Received Pronunciation. In Bent Preisler, Anne Fabricius, Hartmut Haberland, Susanne Kjærbeck and Karen Risager, eds. *The Consequences of Mobility: Linguistic and Socio-Cultural Contact Zones*. Roskilde University. 120-134.

**Estuary English**

  Available here: [http://www.phon.ox.ac.uk/files/people/przedlacka/sap36_jp.pdf](http://www.phon.ox.ac.uk/files/people/przedlacka/sap36_jp.pdf)
- A wealth of materials can be found here: [http://www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/home/estuary/](http://www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/home/estuary/)
  Also the following:
**British Black English**

  A-level unit of instruction created by Mark Sebba, which contains background on Creole varieties, grammatical and phonological characteristics, and exercises for students. Part of his British Creole Resources Page: [http://www.ling.lancs.ac.uk/staff/mark/resource/resources.htm](http://www.ling.lancs.ac.uk/staff/mark/resource/resources.htm)

**Accents in the media**


**Language change**


**Language of Social Groups**

**Gender**


**Socio-economic status**


**Education**

Resources

DECTE: http://research.ncl.ac.uk/decte

Age

  www.stanford.edu/~eckert/PDF/nailpolish.pdf

Occupation / Networks


Ethnicity / Culture and Belief Systems


Power

Corpora and other Online Resources

Contemporary Englishes

- DECTE (Diachronic Electronic Corpus of Tyneside English): [http://research.ncl.ac.uk/decte/](http://research.ncl.ac.uk/decte/)
- NECTE (Newcastle Electronic Corpus of Tyneside English): [http://research.ncl.ac.uk/necte/](http://research.ncl.ac.uk/necte/)

- FRED (Freiburg English Dialect) Corpus: [http://www2.anglistik.uni-freiburg.de/institut/lskortmann/FRED/index.htm](http://www2.anglistik.uni-freiburg.de/institut/lskortmann/FRED/index.htm)
- ICE (International Corpus of English): [http://ice-corpora.net/ice/](http://ice-corpora.net/ice/)
- IViE Corpus (English Intonation in the British Isles): [http://www.phon.ox.ac.uk/files/apps/IViE/](http://www.phon.ox.ac.uk/files/apps/IViE/)
- Ray Hickey’s Irish English Resource Centre: [http://www.uni-due.de/IERC/](http://www.uni-due.de/IERC/)
- SCOTS Corpus: [http://www.scottishcorpus.ac.uk/corpus/search/](http://www.scottishcorpus.ac.uk/corpus/search/)

- BBC Voices: [http://www.bbc.co.uk/voices](http://www.bbc.co.uk/voices)

Historical Englishes

- Glossorial Database of Middle English: [http://www.hti.umich.edu/g/gloss/](http://www.hti.umich.edu/g/gloss/)
- Historical Thesaurus of English: [http://libra.englang.arts.gla.ac.uk/historicalthesaurus/](http://libra.englang.arts.gla.ac.uk/historicalthesaurus/)
  - Thesaurus of Old English: [http://libra.englang.arts.gla.ac.uk/oethesaurus/](http://libra.englang.arts.gla.ac.uk/oethesaurus/)
- Labyrinth Library — Middle English Bookcase: [http://www8.georgetown.edu/departments/medieval/labyrinth/library/me/me.html](http://www8.georgetown.edu/departments/medieval/labyrinth/library/me/me.html)
- Manuscripts of the West Midlands: [http://www.mwm.bham.ac.uk/](http://www.mwm.bham.ac.uk/)
- Mark Davies’ Time Corpus: [http://davies-linguistics.byu.edu/personal/](http://davies-linguistics.byu.edu/personal/)
- Middle English Compendium: [http://quod.lib.umich.edu/m/mec/](http://quod.lib.umich.edu/m/mec/)
  - Corpus of Middle English Prose and Verse: [http://www.hti.umich.edu/c/cme/](http://www.hti.umich.edu/c/cme/)
- Middle English Grammar Project: [http://www.arts.gla.ac.uk/STELLA/ihsl/projects/MEG/meg.htm](http://www.arts.gla.ac.uk/STELLA/ihsl/projects/MEG/meg.htm)
- Old Bailey Corpus — Spoken English in the 18th and 19th Centuries: [http://www.uni-giessen.de/oldbaileycorpus/index.php](http://www.uni-giessen.de/oldbaileycorpus/index.php)
Resources

DECTE: http://research.ncl.ac.uk/secte

- Online Companion to Middle English Literature: http://user.phil-fak.uni-duesseldorf.de/~holteir/companion/
- Quadrivium — Medieval English Textual Cultures, Methods & Materials http://www.arts.gla.ac.uk/quadrivium/
- TEAMS Middle English Texts Series: http://www.lib.rochester.edu/camelot/teams/tmsmenu.htm
- Wessex Parallel Web Texts: http://www.soton.ac.uk/~wpwt/
- http://www.intute.ac.uk (This has a search function and allows you to search for different periods of English).

Other Websites

Variation

Change
- Duncan, Edwin. English Language History Online Resources (links to various sites). Towson University. http://pages.towson.edu/duncan/hellinks.html
**Discourse Analysis**

**Texts**


Coulthard, M., ed. (1992). *Advances in Spoken Discourse Analysis*. Routledge. [particularly good on applications of DA in e.g. TESOL/forensic science]


**Websites**

- Hudson, Richard (UCL / The Linguistics Association of Great Britain)  
  [http://www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/home/dick/home.htm](http://www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/home/dick/home.htm)  
  - *Language Fact Sheets* [http://www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/home/dick/facts.htm](http://www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/home/dick/facts.htm)

  [http://www.universalteacher.org.uk/contents.htm#langa](http://www.universalteacher.org.uk/contents.htm#langa)  
  - *Language & Social Contexts* [http://www.universalteacher.org.uk/contents.htm#langsoc](http://www.universalteacher.org.uk/contents.htm#langsoc)  
  - *Structural Features of Speech* [http://www.universalteacher.org.uk/lang/speech.htm](http://www.universalteacher.org.uk/lang/speech.htm)  
  - *Language & Technology* [http://www.universalteacher.org.uk/lang/languageandtechnology.htm](http://www.universalteacher.org.uk/lang/languageandtechnology.htm)

- Committee for Language Awareness in Scottish Schools (Edinburgh University)  
  [http://www.lel.ed.ac.uk/class/resources](http://www.lel.ed.ac.uk/class/resources)  
  - *Sound Recording of Manchester Speech, with transcription & activities* [http://www.lel.ed.ac.uk/class/resources/manchester](http://www.lel.ed.ac.uk/class/resources/manchester)