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SLANG EXPRESSIONS AND PHRASES IN THE SOUTHERN STATES OF USA AND THEIR PRACTICAL USAGE IN MODERN COLLOQUIAL ENGLISH IN COMPARISON WITH "COCKNEY" DIALECT OF STANDARD LITERARY ENGLISH WIDELY APPLIED IN THE CITY OF LONDON

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Abstract
Slang expressions and phrases are widely used in modern, contemporary English. Some of them are directly applied in different situations and specifically are vividly popular in various types of conversational practices and overall between people especially living in the southern states of the United States of America. Some expressive elements are obvious in terms of wide group of people, who apply slang expressions in their daily conversations. In other words slang expressions may recall their specific usages in the variety of types of communication. As visitors go to various parts of English-speaking cities, it is absolutely possible to hear various types of pronunciation, which are seen as the distinctive results in our regular application of English language regarding our regular life as well.

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Introduction

The language, which is commonly known as "Cockney" dialect and culture of these very features associated very often with is associated with London's working class. Even though, the Cockney dialect is heard less frequently nowadays, many of its phrases survive in London's wider culture. The "Cockneys" as the term is often applied by the best defined very actively with the working-class Londoners, mainly those , who come from the East End. They are definitely known for their best known and especially the their own way of speaking, their own version of English in the vivid expressiveness of the language by meaning something that's usually described as a "dialect," however Cockney is seen as the most standardized version of its application in the modern English language as well it's possible to observe rhyming slang, which is the most famous part of the Cockney dialect. Cockney speech has shifted over the centuries, as have the people using it. It had gradually evolved from the representatives of the working class: i.e. the language was largely influenced by working people of England.

Kindly please note some word combinations, which exactly mean exact words, for example:

Apples and pears – stairs
Barnet Fair – hair
Battle cruiser – boozer (pub)
Brass tacks – facts
Bricks and mortar – daughter
Brown bread – dead
Cain and Abel – table
Chalfont St Giles – piles
China plate – mate
Cream crackered – knackered
Hampstead Heath – teeth
Jack Jones – alone
Mince pies – eyes
Oxo cube – Tube (underground)
Peckham Rye – tie
Plates of meat – feet

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Rosie Lee – tea
Tea leaf – thief
Tilbury Docks – socks
Trouble and strife – wife

Those word combinations mentioned above represent possible variations of usage in Cockney type of a language in a certain "dialect" the Cockney style or a form of the language is clearly meaning a phrase or a group of phrases through which it is possible to express certain words in English language. Specifically in this very scientific article it is significant to deeply analyze variations and similarities of Cockney dialect, which is often heard in the streets of London with the specific expressions of the slang level, which are widely used in the southern states of USA. The English of the southern United States is possibly the most studied in regional variety of any language because of its rich internal diversity, its distinctiveness among regional varieties in the United States, its significance as a marker of regional identity, including the variabilities and the general literary appeal to the specifications of English genres especially in southern parts of the American states.

Some people believe that the Southern accent is just a slowed-down variation of 16th and 17th-century British English. If you listen to any Southern person speak for any length of time, you will definitely understand why this makes no sense. The myth likely stems from the fact that the original settlers in the South did have contemporary English accents. Clear example of Southern pronunciation is possible to observe in the speech of famous actress Nicole Kidman, she has a specific beautiful and clear pronunciation and moreover her daughters have the southern dialect; specifically when Nicole speaks English very well and as she mentioned that her daughters are from Nashville and they do have a southern drawl.

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South American States from the point of pronunciation and accents these very states are clearly shown in the map

Southern American English (SAE) is a vibrant and diverse collection of varieties of specific dialects that form the largest regional accent group particularly in the United States. Being spanned all around in the southern USA, particularly in rural areas, including the vibrant cultural significance. While often recognized for its distinct features and charming drawl, Southern American English is more seen as the regional accent—it is a linguistic tapestry woven from centuries of cultural exchange, including the geographic influences, and mentioning cultural matters. The Historical Roots of Origin of Southern American English

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The origins of Southern American English date back to the 17th and 18th centuries when English and Scottish born and-Irish immigrants brought their dialects to the American South. These early settlers' speech patterns were blended with the elements from the London upper class and African languages brought by enslaved **people.**

Geographical Spread and Variations

Despite a gradual decline among younger and urban Southerners, Southern American English remains widespread. It is documented in Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, Arkansas, Louisiana, and parts of Florida, Missouri, Texas, Oklahoma, and West Virginia. The South Midland accent shares key features with SAE and extends across Texas, Oklahoma, and West Virginia.

SAE's diversity is evident in its sub-regions. For instance, Appalachian English and Texan English represent the most innovative forms. Cities like Atlanta, Charleston, and Savannah exhibit a shift towards Midland or General American accents due to significant migration from non-Southern regions. In contrast, areas like the Inland South and Texas South maintain strong SAE features, particularly the Southern Vowel Shift.

Phonological and Grammatical Characteristics

Various unique phonological and grammatical features characterize Southern American English. Phonologically, notable aspects include the "pin/pen" merger, the loss of the offglide in the diphthong /ai/, and a series of vowel rotations known as the "Southern Shift." Grammatically, SAE features the distinctive use of "y'all" as a plural second-person pronoun, "fixing" to" meaning "about to," and the use of multiple modals (e.g., "might could") to convey politeness and tentativeness.

The vocabulary of SAE includes unique terms like "ain't," "buggy" (shopping cart), "coke" (any soft drink), and "tote"(carry). These lexical choices and its phonological and grammatical traits make Southern American English easily recognizable and culturally rich.

Southern American English often carries a negative stigma outside the South. It is frequently associated with lower social and economic status, lack of education, and conservatism. Such perceptions contribute to declining SAE features among

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younger and urban Southerners. However, many Southerners view their accent positively, associating it with a laid-back, humble attitude.

Is the Southern American accent closest to British?

Being dispute oriented the Southern American English has historical roots influenced by British English, particularly from settlers in the 17th and 18th centuries, it has evolved significantly over time. The contemporary Southern American English is not particularly close to contemporary British accents. However, some historical features, like the non-rhotic pronunciation (dropping the "r" sound), are shared with certain British accents and their varieties.

What is a Southern English accent called?

The Southern English accent is named as the Southern American English (SAE). It encompasses and includes in itself a variety of sub-dialects, such as Appalachian English, Texan English, and Cajun English. In linguistic terms, it is also known as the type of the Southern White Vernacular English or Rural White Southern English.

Where is Southern English spoken?

Southern American English is spoken throughout the Southern United States, including Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, Arkansas, Louisiana, southern parts of West Virginia, northern Florida, southern Missouri, Texas, and Oklahoma. It is particularly prevalent in rural areas and among older generations.

The vividness of a Southern accent definitely is variable within states, but Texas is often noted for being the most distinctive and strong Southern accents. Cities like Dallas, Lubbock, and San Antonio are well known for their pronounced Southern speech variabilities and features. However, rural areas in states like Alabama, Mississippi, and Georgia also have notably very much obvious Southern accents.

Slang expressions and phrases of Southern American states are very much obvious to present their specific variates being applicable in the states of Florida, South Carolina and etc, specifically showing an influence as well being dependent also on the issues of speech similarities and variations of the American states, obviously southern American states are also being influenced by the Spanish pre-vailing patterns of the language as the Mexican and Spanish types of pronunciations directly influence on the American English. In other words

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some type of phrases, word combinations in English language can be used directly in English language i.e. the varieties of combinations of patterns show that English language is seen as the most widely popular language, which is actively used in all parts of the world. Specifically Spanish influence in the state of Florida on the pronunciation of English language clearly states out that English language being applied by various nations, population-groups is definitely seen as the most gigantic means of communication between people all around the world.

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