



What Do You Say?

American Accents and Dialects

Week 1 Homework

Next week, we're going to be talking about pronunciation and accent. In preparation, record yourself and someone else saying the following "Accent Challenge" list of words. Notice words that the two of you say differently.

- Alternatively, listen to two different singers of the same song (Dolly Parton singing "Stairway to Heaven" vs the original Led Zeppelin – for example, listen to the different pronunciations of "sure" and the final "g" in "buying.")

Start with your name and linguistic influences, then say the following words:

1. Aunt
2. Roof
3. Route
4. Wash
5. Oil
6. Theater
7. Iron
8. Salmon
9. Caramel
10. Interesting
11. Mayonnaise
12. Fire
13. Water
14. Sure
15. Mirror
16. Data
17. Crayon
18. New Orleans
19. Been
20. Naturally
21. Probably
22. Often