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No two people speak the same way.

No one speak the same way always.

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- So far, we have studied language variations in multilingual speech communities.
- Now we will be focusing on language variations in monolingual speech community.
- This can be represented in:
- Regional Dialects and Social dialects.

Dialects

Dialect is different from language and Accent in this way.

Language

- Group of linguistic norms and dialect with special grammar, pronunciation and vocabulary

Dialect

- **A dialect is a variety of language, spoken in one part of a country or by people belonging to a particular social class.**

Accent

- A variety of pronunciation of the same words.

Dialects

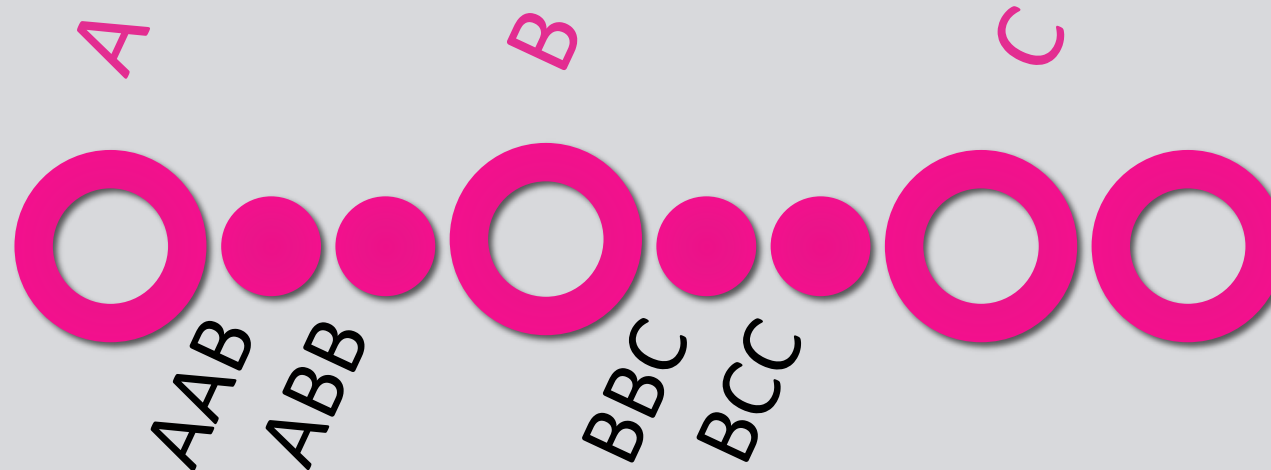
- ❖ A dialect is a different way of speaking the SAME language to say the SAME thing
- ❖ A dialect is not right or wrong, just different
- ❖ *Can you name a dialect of English?*

Regional Dialects

Regional dialects are caused by geographical Barriers.

Natural barriers (hills, rivers) can affect the dialects of groups of people (cause varieties)

Geographical spaces also create different dialects. (dialects of distant places differ from each other)



Regional Dialects

New Zealander: Gidday, what can I do for you?

British: I've called to see me old mate Don Stone.

N: Oh, he's dead now, mate.

B: Oh! What a loss.

Don Stone: Oh my friend

Regional dialect create funny and critical situations (many stories include varieties of (pens – pins) (be – bad) (pen – Pan))

Regional dialects include

1. International varieties
2. Intra-national or intra-continental varieties
3. Cross-continental variation: dialect chains

International varieties

Include differences vocabulary, pronunciation, and grammar in regions

Example :

- Australians : sole parents
- England : single parents
- New Zealanders : solo parents

International varieties

A good example of international varieties is (British vs American English)

Activity 1:

Next lecture provide a presentation about:

Differences between British and American English in terms of:

- **Spelling / Pronunciation / Vocabulary / Grammar**

Use internet.

Team work each team composed of four students and have one representative.

Intra-national or intra-continental varieties

Variations between words maybe between people in different areas of the country or between different countries of the regions.

Variation may be in vocabulary

International differences (disjaskit [Geordies] = worn out [rest of England] *intra-national*

Sweet [British] = candy [American] *intra-continental*.

Intra-national or intra-continental varieties

Variation may also be in pronunciation

bu?r or bi?r (*Cockney*) butter or better (rest of England) intra-national

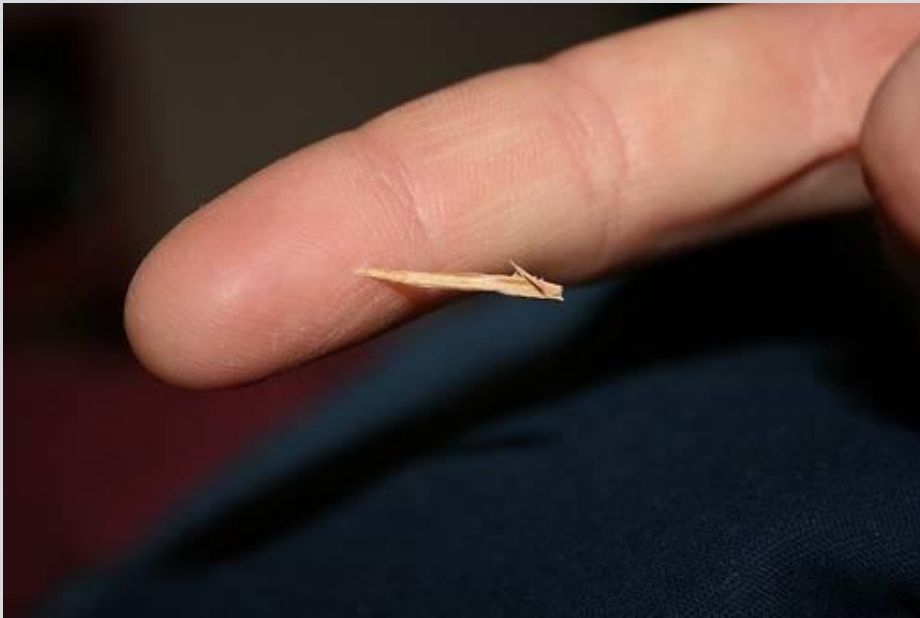
American (god) is pronounced like British (guard) *intra-continental*

Variation may also be in grammar

I might could go (Geordies) I might go (rest of England) intra-national

I have got (British) I have gotten (American) intra-continental

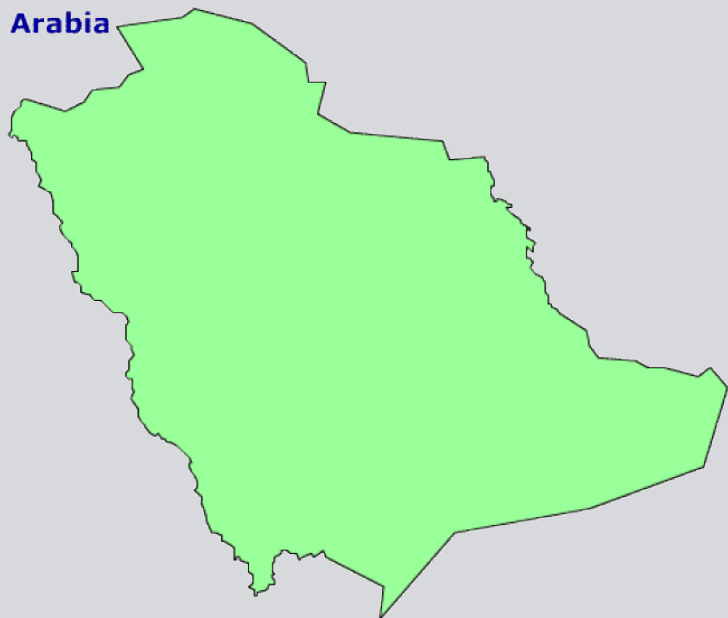
Intra-national or intra-continental varieties



Words for *splinter* in English dialects

Intra-national or intra-continental varieties

Saudi Arabia



Words for *splinter* in English dialects

Activity two

Think of intra-continental and intra-national differences between Arabic dialects.

Present them in next lecture

Think of many criteria of differences (vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation)

Cross-continental variation: dialect chains

Two or more different languages or dialects merge one into others without a definable boundary.

Example: across the whole of Europe.

One chain links all the dialects of German, Dutch and Flemish from Switzerland thorough Austria and Germany, to the Netherland and Belgium, and there is another which links dialect of Portuguese, Spanish, Catalan, French and Italian.

Questions

What is (dialect)?

What causes regional dialects?

What are the three variations that constitute regional dialects?

Give an example of international varieties.

Define Intra-national and intra-continental varieties.

What is dialect chain?