
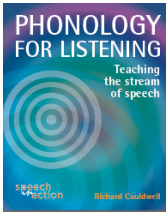




# Accent and Identity, Prejudice and Insecurity

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Listening Cherries	'The book'	'The app' (iPad)

## 1. Definitions

**Prejudice** 'an unreasonable dislike of, or preference for a person group, group, custom, etc especially when it is based on their race, religion, sex, etc.' (OALD 8)

**Identity** – 'a person's sense of themselves as an individual in relation to other individuals and groups whose values give them a sense of belonging and self-worth'.

## 2 Biography

### 3.1 Prejudices

'... intrinsically superior to every other type of English speech - the extent to which it is current throughout the country and the marked distinctiveness and clarity of its sounds. (Wyld, 1934, p. 605)'

### 3.2 Responses to prejudice

- A.** 'When you go to grammar school you gotta drop your 'dohs' you gotta drop your 'cors' because you cor speak like that in grammar school'
- B.** 'Don't talk like that, don't talk like yer from Liverpool,' she said because we'll lose marks
- C.** 'It felt like she was ashamed of, of who we are and we shouldn't be ashamed of like, what our accent is or somethin.'

## 4. Accents, Identity, Change, Variation

### 5. Insecurity and self-worth

### 6. Thriving with non-standard accents

Hear some of these examples at <http://www.speechinaction.org/elf/>

## 7. English as a Lingua Franca

### 8. Final thoughts

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