

ANG-5106-2 Current Events

Project six

Dialects



The English language is not spoken or even written in exactly the same way in England as it is in the United States. For instance, the word 'lorry' in England is 'truck' in the U.S. In fact, the Anglophone communities in each primarily English-speaking country use the language in slightly different ways. This is even true for Canada and the United States. In order to understand the news from various international sources, it can be very helpful to explore these linguistic differences.

TASK 1: Click on these links to videos or articles about some differences between two different types of English, complete the rubric and then discuss what you learned with your teacher.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3liA1GLKbW4>



<https://www.phrasemix.com/answers/how-are-canadian-english-and-american-english-different>



<https://learningenglish.voanews.com/a/six-difference-between-british-and-american-english/3063743.html>








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Languages		
General differences		
Accents/pronunciation		
Vocabulary and expressions		
Grammar		
Other differences		

TASK 2: Comparing regional characteristics. Watch two t.v. (or radio) news report podcasts from two different English-speaking countries (ex. Canada and the U.S.; the U.S. and England) on the same or a similar subject. Describe the differences in terms of accent, vocabulary*, style (formal versus informal), etc... Complete the graphic organizer to prepare notes. Discuss your findings with another student, if possible (you may each choose a different type of English) and then with your teacher.

*Note any expressions or metaphors that seem unique to the version of English spoken in that country.

CBC		NPR	
http://www.cbc.ca/radio/		https://www.npr.org/	
BBC		IRISH PUBIC RADIO	
http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio		http://www.rte.ie/radio/	
AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION			
http://radio.abc.net.au/			

English Region (U.S., Canada...)		
News source		
News event		
Regional accent characteristics		
Regional vocabulary		
Regional idioms (expressions)		
Other regional differences (<i>style: formal vs. informal, etc...</i>)		