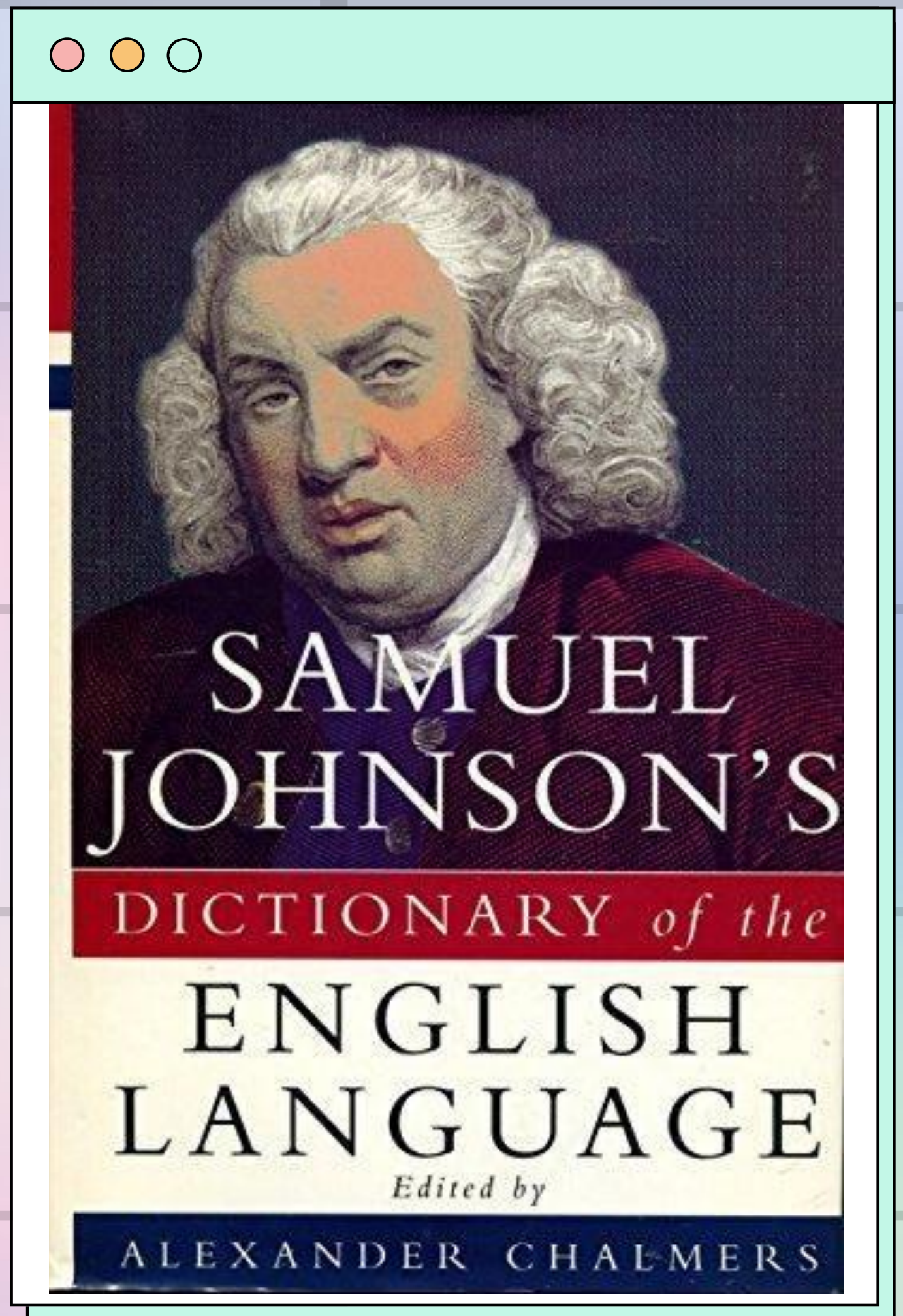


RP or Standard English pronunciation. Notion.
Characteristic features of RP in
Modern English ○ ○ ○ ○

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Received Pronunciation is defined as the regionally neutral middle class accent of England.



All RP speakers speak Standard English. In other words, they avoid non-standard grammatical constructions and localised vocabulary characteristic of regional dialects. RP is also regionally non-specific, that is it does not contain any clues about a speaker's geographic background. But it does reveal a great deal about their social and/or educational background."

Standard English (SE)

is any form of the English language that is accepted as a national norm in an English-speaking country.

In the British Isles, particularly in England and Wales, the term Standard English usually is associated with the Received Pronunciation-accent and UKSE (United Kingdom Standard English) for grammar and vocabulary. In Scotland the standard language is Scottish Standard English.

Some features of Received Pronunciation

- 1 The long [ɑ:] sound in words such as bath, palm and start.
- 2 An RP speaker may never drop an /h/ sound, even in function words such as 'he', 'her', 'have' etc.
- 3 Words such as news, due, stupid, Tuesday are pronounced with a /j/ sound: /nju:z/, /dju:/, /'stju:pid/, /'tju:zdeɪ/, /ɪn'θju:ziæzəm/.



- 4 An RP speaker would not add an /r/ sound in order to join two words, instead placing a pause.
- 5 An RP accent is very clear about when a speaker can produce a glottal stop – it can replace a 't' only before another consonant sound for example in 'football' and when produced is accompanied by an alveolar stop (the tongue touches the alveolar ridge as if it were making a /t/).

Question:

1. When and by whom was the term coined?
2. Name some features of RP.
3. Name three varieties of RP.

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