



Australian English



Varieties of English

- *Standard Australian English (AusE)*
 - *Aboriginal English*
 - *Various ethno-cultural Australian English dialects yet to be adequately described.*
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Australian English today comprises various inter

- related dialects.

- the dominant dialect is Standard AusE which varies across speakers according to

- vowel and consonant phonetic realisation

- allophonic and connected speech processes

- suprasegmental features and voice quality

- regional variation is present but not extensive

- gender differentiation is maintained primarily through consonantal and prosodic effects



How does the Australian English accent differ from other English accents?

-vowel system

-inventory and phonetic characteristics

-relationships between elements

-allophonic and reduction processes

- consonantal modifications

- connected speech processes

- allophonic processes

- suprasegmental and voice quality differences



Some other phonetic characteristics

- *non-rhotic: no pre-pausal/pre-consonantal*
- *stop weakening processes are variable, e.g.*
 - *intervocalic flapping, “butter, water”*
 - *final non-release, “hat, had”*
 - *pre-consonantal glottalling, “butler”, “not now”*
- *pre-nasal and pre-lateral vowel effects*

Thank you

