



Australian English



Varieties of English

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



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*
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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

