



REGIONAL VARIETIES OF THE ENGLISH VOCABULARY



Points for discussion:

1. The main regional varieties of the English language.
2. American English and its peculiarities in phonetics, grammar and vocabulary.



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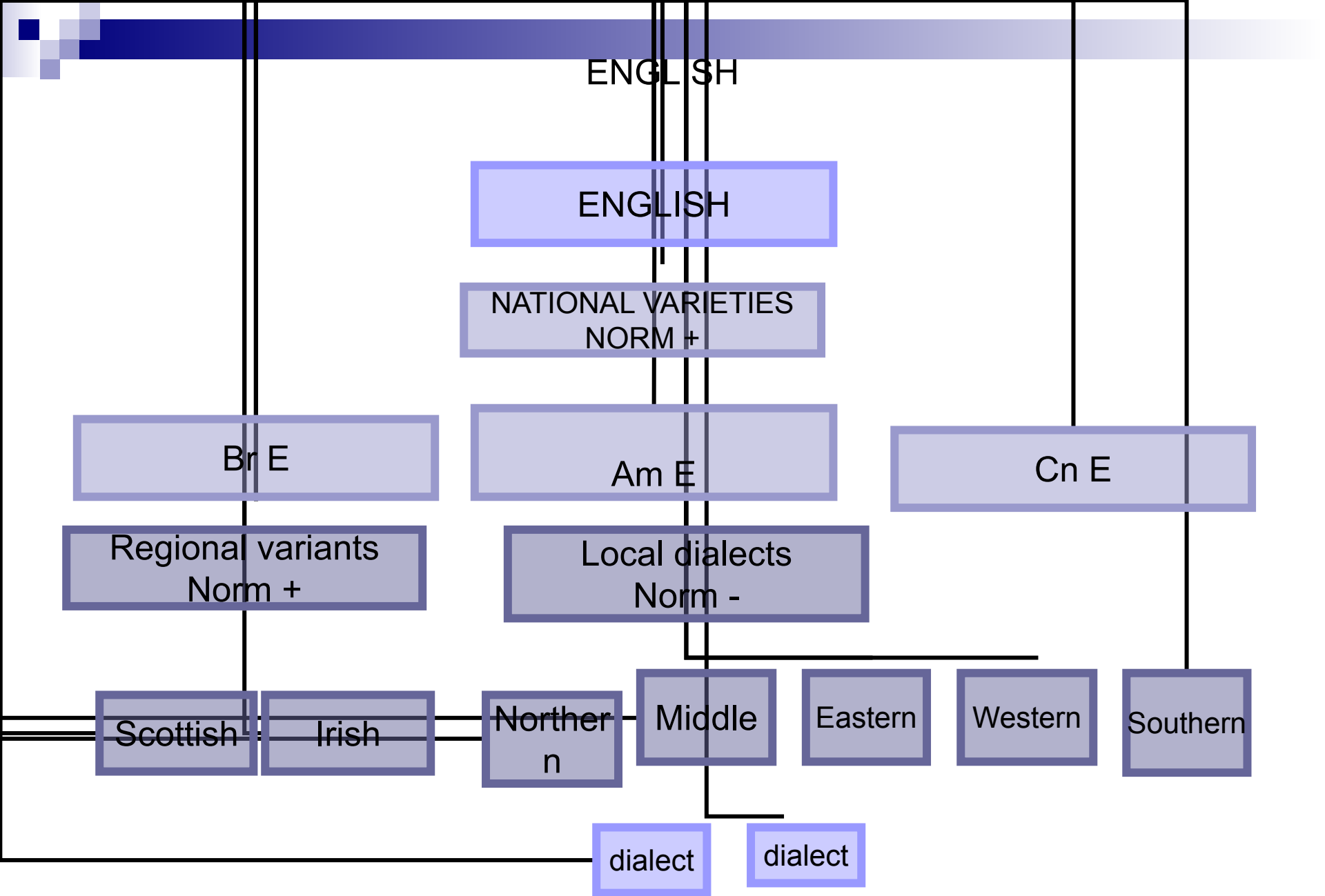
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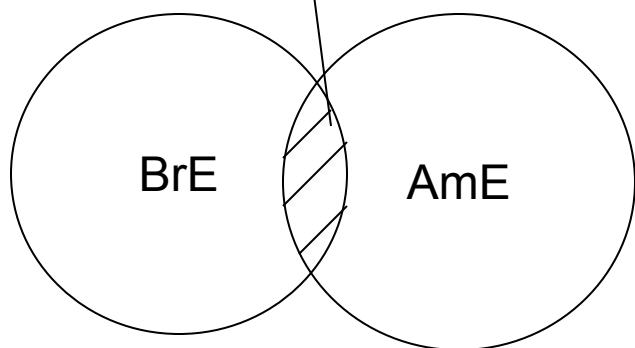
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Vocabulary of the “Common Core”

Common Core - words belonging to both
British and American English





American English (AE) - a regional variety of the English language spoken in the United States and having a literary norm of its own (Standard American)



Simplification of spelling

- Although – altho
- Through – thru
- Practice – practise (n, v)
- Jewellery - jewelry



Vocabulary of Am E

■ Historical Americanisms

Fall (BE-autumn);

guess (BE-think);

sick (BE- ill, unwell).

- lexical divergents (words identical in sound form but different in meaning)



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- Historical Americanisms
- **Americanisms Proper**



Vocabulary of Am E

- Historical Americanisms – lexical divergents (words identical in sound form but different in meaning)
- Americanisms Proper
- **Later Proper Americanisms – lexical analogues** (words identical in meaning but differing in sound form)



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- Historical Americanisms – lexical divergents
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- **American Borrowings**



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- **American Shortenings**