



**WHAT IS
THE MEANING
OF THE TERM
sociololect**

- ◎ **“social dialect” or “sociolect”** is a variety of speech associated with a particular social class or occupational group within a society
- ◎ **“sociolect”** is the alignment of a set of language structures with the social position of a group in a status hierarchy

Charleston, South Carolina

the absence of [r] in words such as bear and court



aristocratic, high-status groups

New York City

the absence of [r] in words such as bear and court



working-class, low-status groups

◎ **Sociolect** refers to unique linguistic markers that show a person's place within a certain social group, and concomitantly the place that social group takes within the larger society

African American Vernacular English (AAVE)

- **dat day** – that day
- **dis house** – this house
- **'We comin'** – We're coming
- **No way no girl can't wear no platform shoes to no amusement park** - There is no way that any girl can wear platform shoes to an amusement park
- **It ain't no food here** -There is no food here
- **It don't all be her fault** - It isn't always her fault
- **They be fightin** - They are always fighting,
- **He come tellin me some story** - He told me a lie
- **They come comin in here like they own de place** - They came in here like they owned the place.
- **I like to die(d)** - I almost died
- **He like to hit his head on that branch** – He almost hit his head on that branch.

Cryptophasia is a phenomenon of a language developed by twins (identical or fraternal) that only the two children could understand.



LOLspeak (where LOL is an acronym for *laugh out loud*) is a variety of English that can be described as the human interpretation of how cats might speak English if they could.

Ceiling Cat blessinz apwn yu, srsly.

Ceiling Cat blessings apawn you, seriously.

Dat wood bee awsoem, srsly dued!

That would be awesome, seriously dude!

Nao, it'z almost like a sekund lanjuaje

Now, it's almost like a second language

lolspeak iz difehcualt too lern, an yu noe itt.

lolspeak is difficult to learn, and you know it.



THANK

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