

Dialect and Oral History: The East Midlands

AUDIO RECORD*

Recording:

Reference NBDE3
Dialect Location Chesterfield, Derbyshire
Date of interview 2009

Interviewee:

Gender Female
Date of birth / age 1992
Occupation Youth work

Summary/Transcript:

Extract taken from:
6m47-7m46s

Definitely I'll give you a typical example when I went to school they all used call me Becky dint they dint they (...) then I started going like from Staveley area started going up North Wingfield and Clay Cross and like town hang around with people from town and they started calling me Becca and from ever since and then they're just different in the way they are the way they speak the way the way they form together but they're like a different breed of people to be quite honest with you (...) what else (...) about it they are definitely different man in every aspect the way they've been brought up and everything yeah

Do you notice there's a lot of different words or phrases or anything like that?

Not as such because they all mean the same you know from like like m/our generation compared to me/ours they all mean the same so unless I go like to Sheff or when I've been going down Mablethorpe there's a different lingo what completely

Linguistic description:

Phonology

Feature	Example(s)	Comments
FOOT/STRUT → [ʊ]	such – [sʊtʃ] up – [ʊp]	Consistent
BATH/TRAP → [æ]	example – [ɪgzæmpəl]	Occurs once
Monophthongisation: MOUTH → [a:]	town [ta:n] down [da:n]	Consistent
Resyllabification	school [sku:wəʃ]	Occurs once
happY vowel	definitely [dɛfɪnəʔlɪ] completely - [kəmplɪʔlɪ]	Inconsistent, use of [ɪ] in proper noun

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	Becky - [bɛki]	
Vowel variation: [ə] → [ʊ]	people [pi:pʊt]	Occurs once
T-glottaling	about it [əba:ʔ ɪʔ]	Consistent, medially and finally
K-glottaling	like – [la:ʔ]	Inconsistent
H-dropping	hang – [æŋ]	Occurs once
Th-fronting	with [wɪv] everything [ɛvɪfɪŋ]	Frequent but not consistent, voiced and voiceless
Elision	give you [gɪjə]	Occurs once

Lexis	Item	Meaning	Comments
	Like	Used as a filler	Used five times
	Man	Used as a tag	Used once
	Sheff	Sheffield	Used once
	Lingo	Language	Used once

Grammar	Feature	Example(s)	Comments
	Zero definite article	“They all mean Ø same”	Occurs several times
	Non-standard contraction	“din’t” - [dɪnʔ]	Occurs once
	Zero infinitive	“used Ø call” – [ju:sko:t]	‘to’, occurs once
	Zero preposition	“Going down Ø Mablethorpe”	‘to’, occurs once

Further comments:

There are many other interesting features in this interview which don’t feature in this extract. This interviewee also h-drops, shows t → r (gerrin’ mucky), uses *owt* and *nowt*, uses *lickle* for little; *tha* for you.