

Dialect and Oral History: The East Midlands**AUDIO RECORD*****Recording:**

Reference JBLE2
Dialect Location Eyres Monsell, Leicestershire
Date of interview July 2012

Interviewee:

Gender Female
Date of birth / age 1992
Occupation Student

Summary/Transcript:**Extract taken from:****13m17s – 14m53s**

Are you going to drive, are you gonna try and/

Yeah I just gotta do my test

Yeah?

But I'm just waiting for the right time

Have you been learning?

Yeah I stopped though because obviously (...) he was like you're just wasting your money cos you can drive you just don't want to do your test yet

[laughs]

So I was just like so I s/ stopped for a bit and then I'll/ once I'm ready I'll do it it's just being ready I don't wanna be rushed like my mum and dad want me to drive (...) they're like it gives you so much more opportunities to do things

[laughs]

But I was like well if it's in walking distance then I'll walk

Mmm

I d/ I will drive soon but

Have you done your theory test already

No (...) it's just that (...) like with college and then cos I work as well I didn't really have time to practice or anything so now it's break then I'll book it and (...) I'll do it before I go back college

Easiest thing to do is book it and then work to it

Yeah (...) instead of practising cos I did book one and I did do it and I failed by like three points or something like that and it does dishearten you so I was like I'm not gonna do it again so soon so I've waited (...) until the holidays cos I had loads of coursework and (...) things like that cos I'm still at college now I've been there all week

Really?

Yeah cos they've not/ teachers have been really ill with stress related things

Oh ok

And they've been off for like months in the/ at a time so we've not really had teaching so (...) they're doing workshops and we're just going in to hand in our coursework or stuff like that

Linguistic description:
Phonology

| Feature | Example(s) | Comments |
|-------------------------------|---|--|
| FOOT/STRUT | money – [mʌni:] rushed – [rʊʃt] | Consistent |
| happY vowel | ready – [ɹɛdɛ] opportunities – [ɒpəʃu:nɪtɪz] obviously - [ɒvəsli:] | Inconsistent |
| Vowel variation: /ɒ/ → [ʊ] | because – [bi:kʊz] | Occurs once |
| /ʌ/ → [ɒ] | one – [wɒn] | Occurs once |
| /ʌ/ → [ʊ] | once – [wʊns] | Occurs once |
| /ʌ/ → [ə] | but – [bət] does – [dəz] | Consistent for these words |
| NURSE → [ə:] | work – [wə:k] coursework – [kɔ:swə:k] workshops – [wə:kʃɒps] | Consistent |
| PRICE → [aɪ] | right - [ɹaɪʔ] time – [taɪm] | Consistent |
| L-vocalisation | I'll – [aʊ ^w] well – [wɛʊ ^w] | Frequent but not consistent |
| T-glottalisation | gotta – [gɒʔə] right – [ɹaɪʔ] waited – [weɪʔɪd] | Frequent but not consistent; word-medially and finally |
| K-glottalisation | like – [laɪʔ] practice – [præʔtɪs] | Frequent but not consistent |
| Th-fronting | anything – [ɛnɪfɪn] three – [fɹi:] months – [mʌmɪfs] | Frequent but not consistent |
| <-ng> → [ŋ] | walking – [wɔ:kɪŋ] anything – [ɛni:fɪŋ] | Frequent but not consistent |
| Elision | obviously – [ɒvəsli:] | Occurs once |

Lexis

| Item | Meaning | Comments |
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| Like | Quotative Filler | Frequent Occurs twice |

Grammar

| Feature | Example(s) | Comments |
|---------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| Non-standard use of intensifier | “so much more opportunities” | ‘many’, occurs once |
| Zero definite article | “Ø teachers have been really ill” “now it’s Ø break” | ‘the’, occurs twice |
| Zero auxiliary verb | “I Ø just gotta do my test” | ‘have’, occurs once |
| Zero preposition | “before I go back Ø college” | ‘to’, occurs once |

Further comments:

In other sections of the interview this speaker demonstrates the use of [ɛ] as a happy vowel much more frequently; examples include: biology [baɪjɒlədʒɛ], sociology [səʊsiɒlədʒɛ], and psychology [saɪkɒlədʒɛ]