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Accent for Listeners



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ACCENT FOR LISTENERS

1. There are a wide **variety** of accents.
2. For a **global language** like English, even more so.
3. Listeners **don't get to choose** the accents they hear.
4. Good listeners develop an **expectation of diversity**.
5. How can teachers **help** with that?



King Canute choosing where the tide must stop...



D11 Weather

Whether the weather was good
Or whether the weather was bad
The weather was better
When we were together
Whatever the weather we had



D9 Dan's Plan

Dan was a man with a plan
To drive in a van to Japan
Crashed on a track
And had to walk back
And now he's a man with a tan



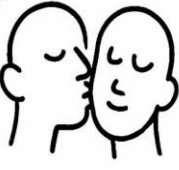
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Sideways shifts

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man

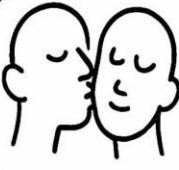
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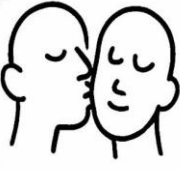
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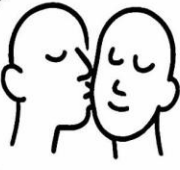
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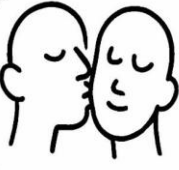
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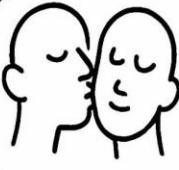
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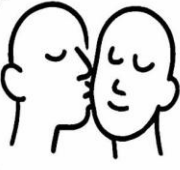
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Sideways shifts:

Now 'DRESS' in *accent a* has the same vowel sound as 'CLAP' in *accent b*!

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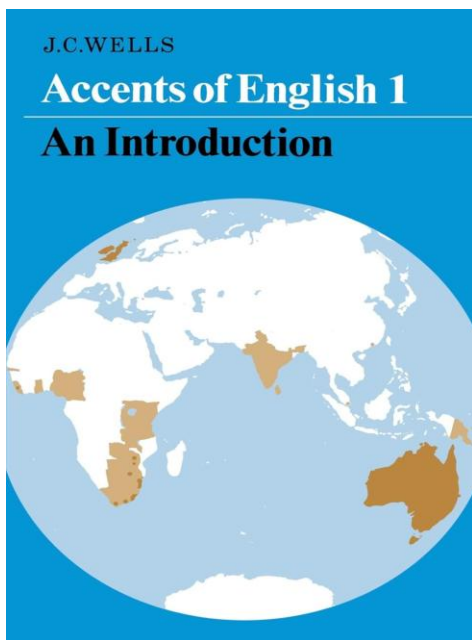
(This is the difference between England and New Zealand.)










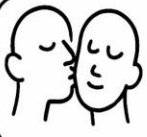














Note: there are still three different sounds here, in both accents)



VOWEL WORD SETS

Each set is referred to using a **Keyword**



 CLAP cat thanks man	 PRICE lie side light	 CALM father ma spa
 BATH staff grass dance	 MOUTH how count down	 START far card part
 DRESS neck best head	 FACE way late great	 SQUARE share pair bear
 KISS give drink lift	 TEETH see speak green	 NEAR beer beard here
 LOT stop box watch	 BOUGHT saw caught walk	 SPORT store door four
 CLOTH cross strong soft	 CHOICE boy noise oil	 NORTH war short warm
 DUCK cup run love	 GOAT know road note	 NURSE shirt verb search
 PUSH foot full could	 GOOSE who group rude	 CURE poor tour sure

SOUND SHARES

Splits & mergers

The BATH vowel = the CLAP vowel in some accents, but not in others



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D24 Every Spider

**Every web contains a spider,
working hard to make it wider.
Every spider wants a fly
and waits for one to wander by**



KACHRU'S CIRCLES



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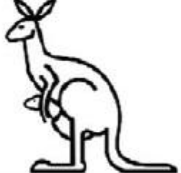

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ACCENTS OR FEATURES?

Accents Features	English	American	French	Scottish	Indian	etc
R-dropping						
TH sounds						
Long and short vowels?						
Schwa?						
etc						



Vertical



Horizontal



TOP TEN ACCENT ISSUES

- 1 R-dropping
- 2 LOT and BOUGHT vowels.....
- 3 T sounds.....
- 4 CLAP, DRESS and KISS vowels.....
- 5 TH sounds.....
- 6 FACE and GOAT vowels
- 7 Voicing and aspiration.....
- 8 BATH and PUSH vowels.....
- 9 L, H and Y-dropping.....
- 10 Schwa and weak syllables.....



SHIBBOLETH STORIES

Shibboleth: a pronunciation test which instantly shows whether you're in one group or another. E.g. in England, the way you say words in the **BATH** set tells if you're **north** or **south**.

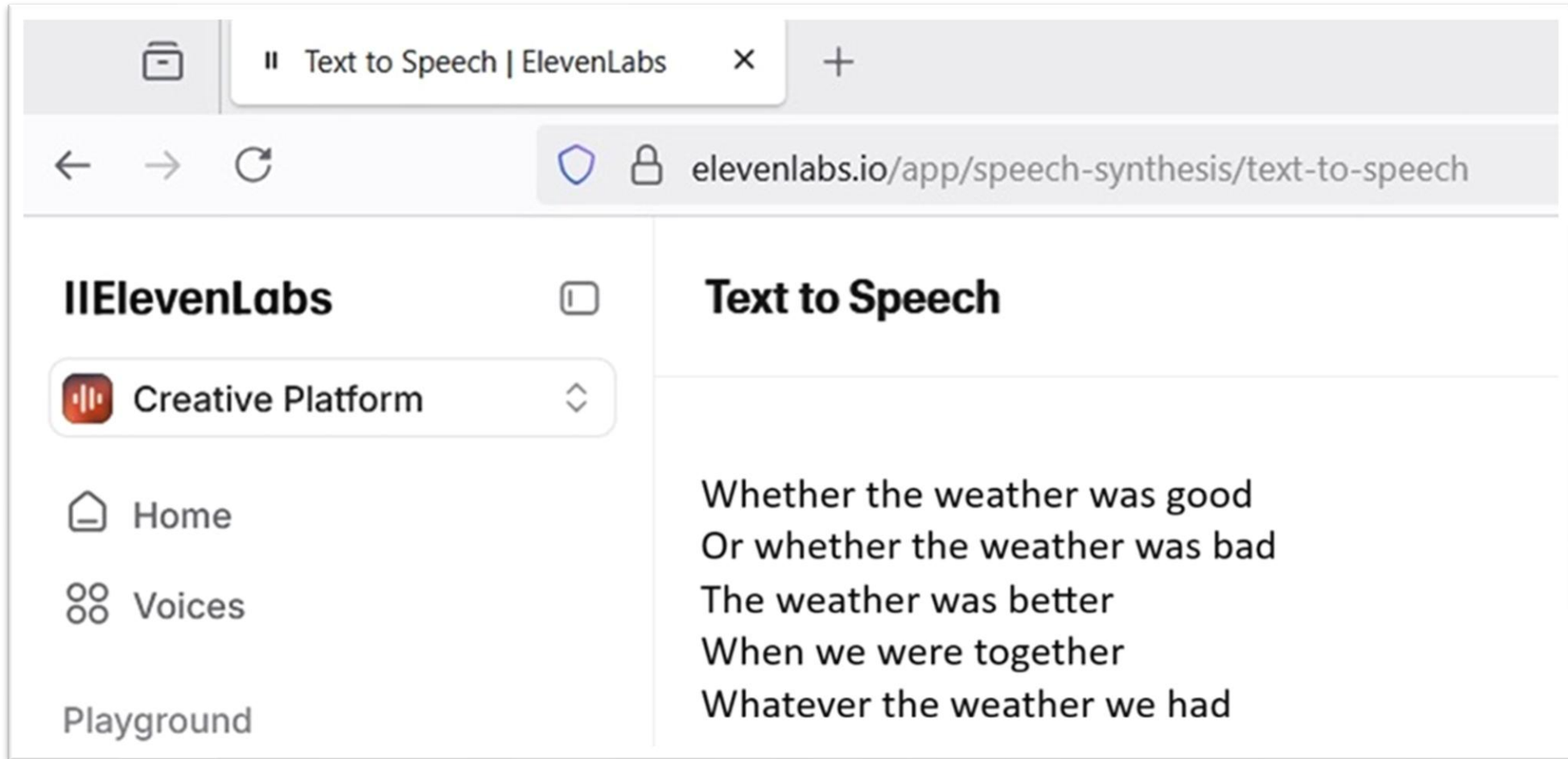
Shibboleth story: a short text densely packed with shibboleths, e.g:

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TEXT-TO-SPEECH



Elevenlabs <https://elevenlabs.io/app/speech-synthesis/text-to-speech>

Natural Reader <https://www.naturalreaders.com/>

Luvvoice <https://luvvoice.com/>



A FINAL THOUGHT...



Leonard Cohen, *Anthem*

There is a crack (a crack!) in
everything; 😨

That's how the light gets in! 😊



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