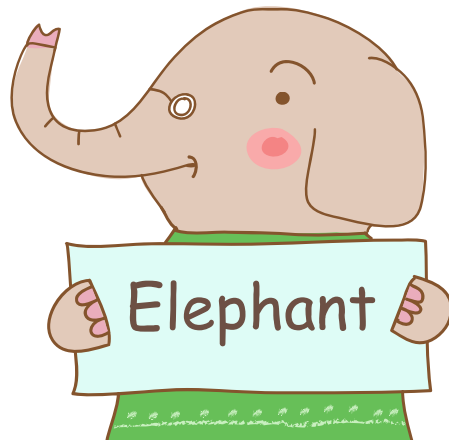


Types of British accents

reporter: Qianyao Zhu



very; if; thousand, wait; away,



向我们提出过建议
on matters about which he knows nothing.

iQIYI

Game of Thrones —— S03E07,S07E01

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- Other accents
- Standard pronunciation



questions?



**What are the
British accents?**



**Which one is the
Standard British Sound?**



**Which one
do we normally speak?**

RP / Posh

(Received Pronunciation)

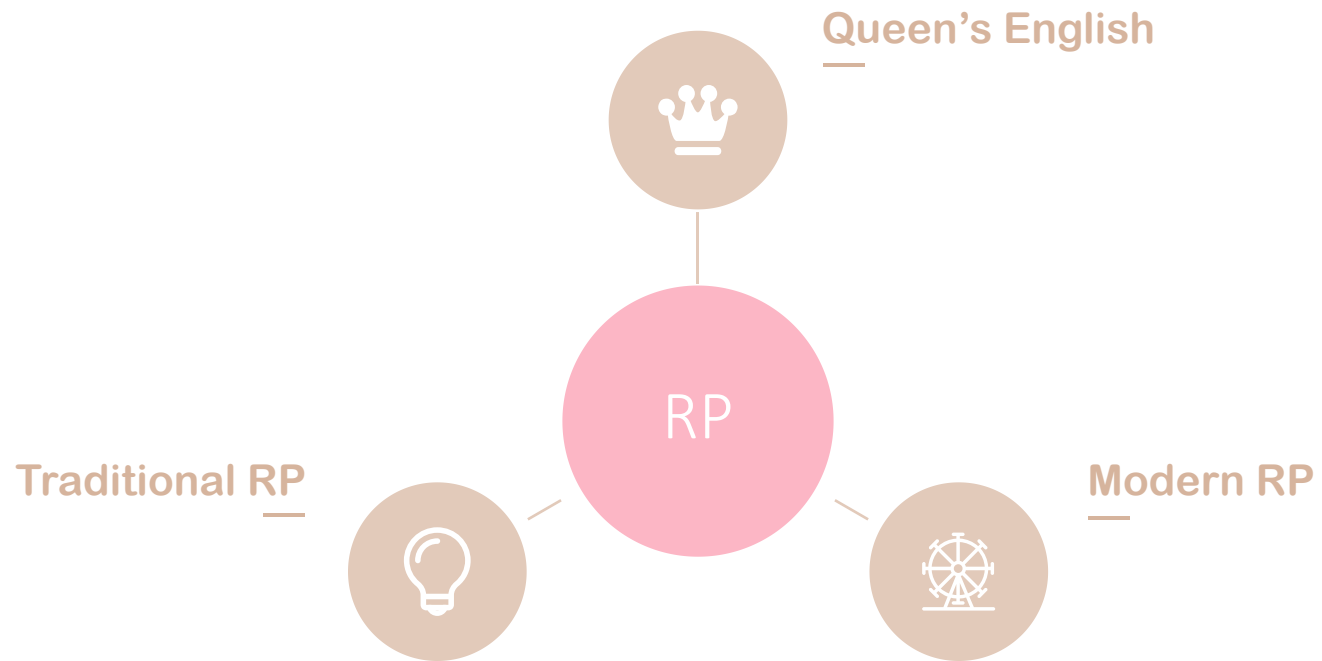


Northern
Ireland

England

Wales

Upper
middle class



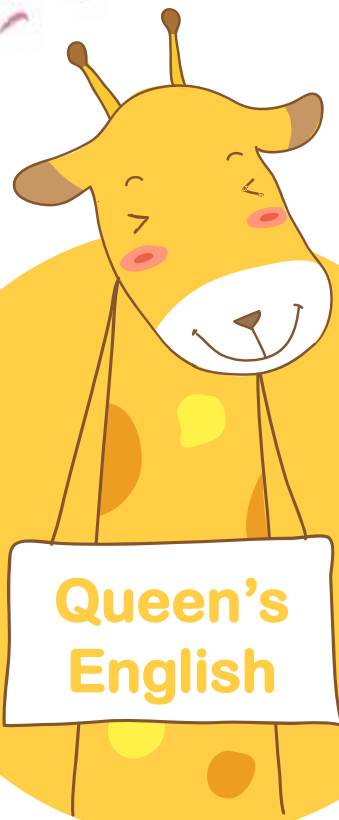
/æ/



/e/

——The Queen's Christmas Speech 2017

back then, who could have **imagined** that people would **one** day be watching this on **laptops** and mobile phones, as some of you are today.



- **Personal pronunciation habits**
- **Unique Features**



Which are the pronunciation of
'laptop' & 'back then' in Queen's
English?

A. laptop 🔊

☒ B. laptop 🔊

☒ C. back then 🔊

D. back then 🔊

Traditional RP



- Overly orthodox
- bureaucratic aristocracy

1920s

Vowel exaggeration

The openings of /ə/ and /ɜ:/ will be as big as /ɑ/'s



/hɪə/

here

/hɪɑ/

/eə/

air

/eɑ/

The **air** **here** is very clean



Vowel exaggeration

/æ/ and /e/ are pronounced like /eə/



/mæd/

mad

/men/

men

/meəd/

/meən/

The men is mad. 🔊

- Overly orthodox
- bureaucratic aristocracy





Downton Abbey — S01E05

- But, surely, when Mr. Molesley's garden is so remarkable and he is so very **proud** of his roses...
- You talk of Mr. Molesley's **pride**? What about my gardener's **pride**? Is he sacrificed on the altar of Molesley's **ambition**?

Which words have the TRP pronunciation?

A. sad 

C. rock sugar 

B. mad 

D. tap water 

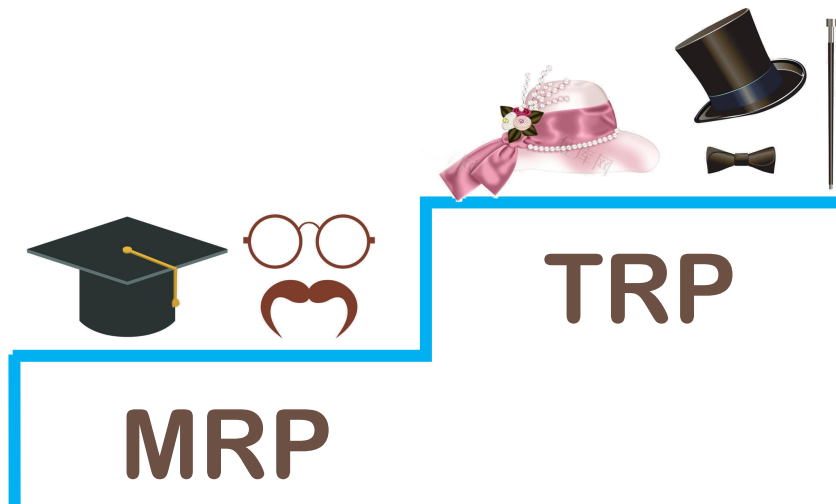
Modern RP



- Modern
- More flexibility in tone and inflection

Presenter / Journalist / Intellectual





MRP

TRP



——Emma Watson's UN speech

RP



GB

General British



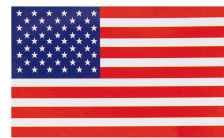
GB

General British



GA

General American



Mandarin



General British

- The pronunciation rules are largely the same as for RP.
- However, individual pronunciations are not as exaggerated as RP.



General British

- More Inclusive
- More contemporary
- More approachable



General British





Cockney Accent



working class

East London

Cockney

/eɪ/ → /aɪ/

/seɪ/

say

/saɪ/

/reɪn/

rain

/raɪn/





——my fare lady

- The **rain** in **Spain stays mainly** in the **plain**.
- Don't I **say** that?



Estuary English

England

Wales

Middle class



RP

Estuary English

Cockney Accent



Estuary English

/aɪ/ → /ɔɪ/

/rɔɪt/

- Write it down 🔊

/wɔɪt/

- She wears a white dress. 🔊





/ ʃaɪ /
Shy

/ ʃɔɪ /

——David Beckham: Leave the stage, don't leave the stage

I'm a little be **shy**.

David Beckham: Leave the stage, don't leave the stage

British accent

— **Standard
pronunciation** —

Received Pronunciation

General British

— **Dialects** —

Cockney Accent

Estuary English

A cartoon illustration of a giraffe and a rabbit. The giraffe is yellow with brown spots and is wearing a purple apron with a white pattern. It is holding a pink cup in its right hand. The rabbit is pink with white spots and is wearing a pink shirt with a white pattern. It is holding a blue brush in its right hand and is brushing the giraffe's leg. The background is a pink grid with various colorful shapes like balloons and confetti.

British accent

Received
Pronunciation

Queen's
English

TRP

MRP

General British

questions ?



Which accent do you prefer?
Which accent do you have ?

What other accents do you know besides
the ones described above?



Do you know any more stories about
British Accents?

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