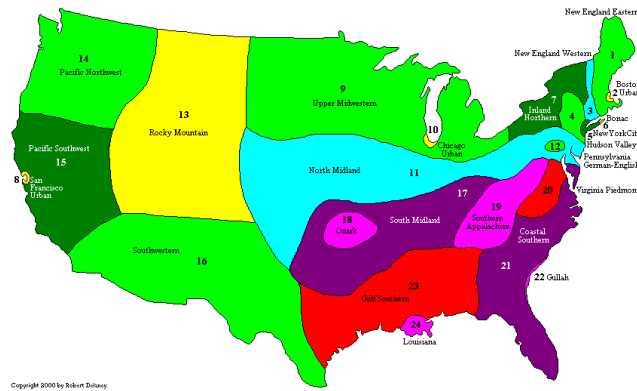


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English Dialects and Accents in the United States

A **dialect** is a form of language that is peculiar to a specific region. The dialect you hear in Pittsburgh is different from the dialect you will hear in Louisiana or California.

There are **24** dialect regions in the United States!



Boston

Boston Accent Pattern

Rule: "r" sounds like "ah"

Mark sounds like *Mahk*

park sounds like *pahk*

car sounds like *cah*

Other Examples:

b'daydas = potatoes

foddy = forty

potty platta = party platter

Boston Vocabulary

barrel = garbage can

carriage = shopping cart

tonic = soda/pop

What's doin? = How are you?

bubbler = water fountain

gawker blocker = traffic accident

grinder = sub sandwich

zoo on = to make fun of

New York

New York Accent Pattern

Rule: "o" sounds like "aw"

dog sounds like *dawg*

coffee sounds like *cawfee*

boss sounds like *baws*

Other Examples:

Forget about it! (*Fuhgeddaboudit!*)

Get out of here! (*Get outta hea!*)

All right, already! (*ahrite ahready!*)

New York Vocabulary

wedge = sub sandwich

schlep = to make a long trip

on line = in line

catty corner = at an angle to a corner

johnny pump = fire hydrant

schmear = cream cheese

Southern

Southern Accent Pattern

Rule: vowels are drawn out

glass sounds like *gla-yus*

this sounds like *thi-yus*

pen sounds like *pe-yun*

Other Examples:

ask sounds like *ax*

sink sounds like *zink*

buffet sounds like *boo-fay*

Southern Vocabulary

y'all = you all

fixin' to = about to

coke = any carbonated beverage

supper = dinner

buggy = shopping cart

raisin cane = causing trouble