

## A SIMPLIFIED STANDARD BRITISH DIALECT

### A. Specific Sound Substitutions

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#### 1. The "ask-list" - "a" is pronounced as "ah"

ask, answer, after, half, past, bath, demand, disaster, master, command, castle, vantage, France, example

Father passed down the primrose path.

The pastor asked that the answer be given by half-past four.

I can't get the ant off the basket, but Auntie can.

#### 2. "aw" uses much more lip rounding.

all, law, ought, off, abroad, falls, George, horse, remorse, pause, hawk, talk, stall, Paul, wall

All that fear the law ought not to be caught.

After the falls, Paul felt remorse for his daughter left at the resort in Albany.

They saw that the water ought not to stain the wall in the loft.

#### 3. y-endings are pronounced as a short unstressed "ih"

ability, necessity, policy, many, vary, funny, lovely, rarely, cautiously, carefully, hilly

The lovely lady had many friendly calls on Friday.

It was really, awfully silly of Mary to marry Harry.

Obstinacy in diplomacy is not always the best policy.

#### 4. the diphthong "oh" becomes əoʊ

so, don't, go, told, over, holy, omit, most, moment, tone

He was told to row over the river.

She did not know she possessed the old and holy stone.

...? the most cones at the last moment.

#### 5. -ary, -ery, -ory word endings əri

secretary, necessary, evolutionary, cemetery, laboratory, satisfactory

My secretary has not been revolutionary for the last half century.

It is not necessary to go to the elementary conservatory.

#### 6. Liquid "u" - "oo" becomes "yoo"

Duke, duplicity, new, Tuesday, beauty, student

The new duke came on Tuesday.

The duplicity was due to the students' stupidity.