

# ★ UMURICUN ENGLISH ★



How to make an already strange language even more difficult to understand

# WEIRD SOUNDS



the SCHWA, because more than two vowels  
in a word is difficult

ə əmərəcə!

...diphthongs do not help

CONTRACTIONS, or how to sound lazy

i do not know -> i don't know -> idunno  
'tsup? ...'tscool, 'tsup witchoo? ...d'no, 'tscool.

ACCENTS, because even Americans can not  
understand each other

nuclear = nukyuhler!





# SLANG



Sound like everyone else and accelerate  
the death of meaning

A simile and adverb can account for  
75% of the noise you make

Idioms: How to suck and blow simultaneously

The F-Bomb: Emphasis or profanity?

Pejoratives and Political Correctness

Think about what you are saying...  
and who you are saying it to



# VOCABULARY



Perfectly good words that make verbal communication awkward

Dialogue maximizes context while minimizing variety

Written words maximize variety because context must be specified

disingenuous

lunatic

dextrous

reputable

alluring

grotesque



You can save the English language, or die a hipster

# WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?



My English teacher is lying to me

...all of these are  
true to a certain  
extent!

Americans have a lazy tongue

English is a rich language with  
much capability for expression

Context is Everything

Whitney is a silly person





# QUESTIONS?

