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© Andrew Moore, Barrie Rhodes and the Yorkshire Dialect Society, 2003-2004;. This does not mean that a dialect emerged from people who took Standard English and then changed it; it is more likely that the standard variety and the dialect variety developed from some common and some locally distinctive influences over time, or that the dialect forms are older, and have been more resistant to tendencies to converge towards a standard variety.

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It may be useful to begin by deciding what a dialect is. The English of black Britons Does it make sense to try to locate linguistic identity, and coherent features of a language variety, in colour alone? In the Royal Air Force, cadets are sprogs and military police are Rock Apes an insulting comparison of the unskilled police - unlike other RAF personnel they do not have a trade - to the wildlife of Gibraltar; angels measure altitude each is 10,000 feet, a bandit is an enemy aeroplane and a bogey is an unidentified aircraft, while airspeed is measured in knots - nautical miles per hour. The stretched from south to the from where the Scottish elite continued the language shift northwards.

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A major limitation of the act, though, is that it does not constitute any form of recognition for the Gaelic language by the UK government, and UK public bodies operating in Scotland, as reserved bodies, are explicitly exempted from its provisions. Sometimes newcomers adopt words from older, native languages.

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Tendencies observed include: vowel fronting, as in goose or strut, and syllable non-initial t-glottaling, which are led by female speakers. Ability Wales Scotland Northern Ireland Welsh Scottish Gaelic Scots Irish Ulster-Scots Number % N

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The is protected by the and the , and since 1998 it has been common, for example, for almost all British Government Departments to provide both printed documentation and official websites in both English and Welsh. Generally, social class turned out not to be a good indicator of change, there being little differences between the classes.

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Since there are no universally accepted criteria for distinguishing languages from dialects, scholars and other interested parties often disagree about the linguistic, historical and social status of.

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It has to be said, though, that for most Yorkshire speakers, this isophone has now drifted northwards to the Tees. Provides an excellent overview of the English accents and dialects of the British Isles, but the authors have made some strange choices in their IPA transcription.

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