

Languages and Dialects of the UK

The UK is a rich landscape of regional accents and dialects. Accents (*the different pronunciation of words*) tend to be regional whereas dialects (*different pronunciation, vocabulary and grammar, from each other and from Standard English*) can be regional or social in origin and some have their own dictionaries. England alone has many differing dialects; the map below indicates where some can be found.

Dialects of England

British English (BrE, BrEng)

North

Cheshire

Cumbrian dialect

Yorkshire (also known as Tyke)

Lancastrian

Scouse (Merseyside - Liverpool)

Mancunian

In the far north, local speech is noticeably Scots in nature.

Northeast

Geordie (Newcastle upon Tyne)

Mackem (Sunderland)

Pitmatic (Durham and Northumberland)

North East English (a toned down Scouse/Manchester accent)

Midlands

East Midlands

West Midlands

Black Country English



Brummie (Birmingham)
Potteries

South

Received pronunciation
Cockney
East Anglian

Estuary English
Kentish dialect
Jafaican

West

West Country

Pembrokeshire dialect

Channel Islands

Guernsey English
Jersey English

Malta
Maltenglish

Isle of Man

Manx English

What's in a word?

Ducker

Bibble



Poppie

Pebble

Scuffler

Barm Cake



Batch

Bread Roll