

Week 16. Australian (ii)

6. Consonants

- 6.1 Non-rhotic. Some h-dropping. Little glottalling/glottalization
- 6.2 T voicing
- 6.3 Darkish /l/

7. Prosody

- 7.1 High rise in statements?

Horvath, B.M., 1985, *Variation in Australian English*, Cambridge U.P.

Table 7.1. Overall frequencies of some variants of (θ), (h), (-ing), and (t)

		Tokens/Total	%
1. (θ)	[f]	57/1,284	4.4
2. (h)	[∅]	132/1,288	10.2
3. (-ing)	[-ɪŋk]	73/1,161	6.3
	[-ɪn]	204/1,161	17.6
4. (t)	[k]	315/749	42.1
	[tʰ]	91/749	12.1

Table 7.2. Social correlates of (θ), (h), (-ing), and (t) (percentage of variant out of total for variable)

	(θ) [f]	(h) [∅]	(-ing)		(t)	
			[-ɪŋk]	[-ɪn]	[t]	[tʰ]
Sex						
Male	8	16	7	23	52	4
Female	2	5	7	15	18	14
Age						
Adult	4	10	16	6	23	8
Teenager	5	11	4	23	38	10
Ethnicity						
Anglo	2	11	13	17	37	6
Italian	14	16	2	24	35	2
Greek	0	5	1	17	30	22
Social class						
Middle	3	7	0	15	28	10
Upper working	5	11	14	21	38	6
Lower working	6	14	7	21	38	11

Table 7.3. Crosstabulations of the social correlates of (θ), (h), ($-ing$), and (t) (percentage of variant out of total for variable)

	(θ)	(h)	(-ing)		(t)	
	[t̥]	[h]	[-ɪŋk]	[-ɪn]	[t]	[tʰ]
Anglo adults						
Male, Middle class	0	8	0	0	20	20
Upper working	2	30	22	3	53	0
Lower working	14	16	20	32	60	0
Female, Middle class	0	2	0	0	3	20
Upper working	6	0	32	0	8	8
Lower working	0	2	18	0	3	0
Anglo teenagers						
Male, Middle class	0	16	0	37	75	0
Upper working	4	14	28	26	75	0
Lower working	0	30	6	43	70	3
Female, Middle class	0	6	0	15	33	5
Upper working	0	10	18	22	48	3
Lower working	0	0	12	21	6	19

Standard lexical sets

based on J.C.Wells, 1982, *Accents of English*, ch. 2.2

1. KIT ship, kid, limp, myth, build...	10. FLEECE creep, need, cheese, brief, field...	19. NEAR beer, here, pier, fear, pierce...
2. DRESS step, ebb, tent, bread, friend...	11. FACE tape, fade, waist, play, reign...	20. SQUARE share, fair, bear, where, scarce...
3. TRAP tap, rag, hand, lapse, plaid...	12. PALM calm, ma, hurrah, façade, Java	21. START far, sharp, carve, heart, safari...
4. LOT stop, odd, box, swan, wash...	13. THOUGHT cause, taunt, hawk, chalk, broad...	22. NORTH for, orb, form, quart, cord...
5. STRUT cup, bud, lump, come, touch...	14. GOAT soap, joke, host, toe, mauve...	23. FORCE fore, soar, floor, court, sword...
6. FOOT put, bush, good, wolf, could...	15. GOOSE loop, mood, tomb, two, fruit...	24. CURE moor, your, sure, gourd, fury...
7. BATH staff, class, ask, fasten, laugh...	16. PRICE ripe, side, child, try, eye...	25. happY copy, khaki, movie, coffee, money...
8. CLOTH off, cross, soft, cough, Austin...	17. CHOICE boy, noise, spoil, employ, hoist...	26. lettER paper, sugar, standard, anchor, martyr...
9. NURSE hurt, birth, church, verb, word...	18. MOUTH out, crowd, cow, round, bough...	27. comma quota, visa, panda, sofa, saga...