

The birth of Standard English and the demise of Cockney

Reviewed
Pronunciation.

True/False

- not standard. working class accent [East End] cock-egg: small egg = useless = pejorative
- Cockney has always been thought of as vulgar. **False**
 - The pronunciation of *thrust* in Cockney in Elizabethan times was /θ/ **False** with f
 - The pronunciation of *chain* in Cockney in Elizabethan times was /tʃeɪn/ **False** /tʃeɪn/
 - The pronunciation of *mother* in Cockney in Elizabethan times was /ð/ **False** /mɪvər/
 - In the late 18th century speech became a class marker. up to 1750 everybody in London **TRUE**
Cockney: Dockside
 - Johnson believed it was possible to fix language. **False**
 - Public schools are private **TRUE**
→ RP accents to boys
 - No formal guidance about spelling and pronunciation of English before the 19th century. **FALSE**
18th →
 - RP speakers today have a more relaxed way of pronouncing certain vowels. **TRUE** u: → ʊ
 - RP speakers today normally use the glottal stop in the middle of the words *butter* and *later*. **FALSE**
→ RP's use it "quite like it" t before consonants. Cockney's use it everywhere also h dropping.
 - RP has been influenced by Cockney. **TRUE**
 - At public schools boys are forced to use RP. **True**
 - One in twenty people in England speak what Burchfield calls received standard. **false** 1 in 50
 - The invention of television turned public school English into BBC English. **True**
 - People who spoke public school English were considered more intelligent, more trustworthy, and even better looking. **True**
according to one of the girls

People to Remember

- Professor, Sir. Randolph Quirk **I** (A) BBC announcer
- Bob Barletrop **E** B. An expert on accents of English
- Jonathan Swift **D** (C) An expert on Cockney
- George Bernard Shaw **B** D. He proposed an Academy to regulate English
- J.C. Wells **B** (E) Editor of the OED
- Dr. Robert Burchfield **B** F. He kept a diary.
- James Boswell **✓** (G) Playwright and spelling reformer
- Henry Machyn **F** H. Author of a dictionary 10 thousand definitions provide british vocab
- Samuel Johnson **H** (I) Grammarian and linguist
- Pat Butler **A** J. Johnson's biographer

Estuary English: south London
RP + Cockney = Estuary English
↓
downmarket ↓ upmarket & socially speaking

cocky = vocal folds flapping way 21 slow.