



### Examples of topics:

- ❖ The dialect of gender and age.
- ❖ English as an international language.
- ❖ Slang, its function in a linguistic community.
- ❖ Approaches to dealing with sociolinguistic aspects (e.g., dialect, sociolect, jargon, register).
- ❖ Attitudes to language variability (accents and dialects).
- ❖ Diglossia and linguistic oppression.
- ❖ Dialects of English and their development.
- ❖ The language of the new media (e.g. memes in social media)
- ❖ The functions of codeswitching.
- ❖ The language of politeness.
- ❖ Analysis of regional dialects of English (e.g. Estuary English (or another selected dialect)), from its beginning to current state.
- ❖ Cultural and linguistic aspects in intercultural communication (e.g. translation).

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