Al- Mustansiriyah University Phonetics & Phonology

College of Arts 2nd Year / Morning &Evening class

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1st lecture

**Introduction**

* Warmup
* What is the difference between accent and dialect

The term accents: is pronounced differently by people from different geographical places, from different social classes, of different ages and different educational backgrounds. . Differences of accent, , are pronunciation differences only.

We use the word dialect to refer to a variety of a language which is different from others not just in pronunciation but also in such matters as vocabulary, grammar and word order.

BBC Accent :The accent that we concentrate on and use as our model is the one that is most often recommended for foreign learners studying British English. It has for a long time been identified by the name Received Pronunciation (usually abbreviated to its initials, RP), but this name is old-fashioned and misleading: the use of the word "received" to mean "accepted" or "approved" is nowadays very rare, and the word if used in that sense seems to imply that other accents would not be acceptable or approved of. Since it is most familiar as the accent used by most announcers and newsreaders on BBC and British independent television broadcasting channels, a preferable name is BBC pronunciation. This should not be taken to mean that the BBC itself imposes an "official" accent - individual broadcasters all have their own. BBC is the accent that has usually been chosen by British teachers to teach to foreign learners, it is the accent that has been most fully described, and it has been used as the basis for textbooks and pronunciation dictionaries

Phonetics : the science which studies all human speech sounds . It has three branches ,articulatory phonetics , acoustics phonetics , and auditory phonetics .

Phonology : the science which studies the sound patterns in a given language .It has two branches , segmental and supra –segmental .

Feedback :

•Give three different names that have been used for the accent usually used for teaching the pronunciation of British English.?

• What is the difference between accent and dialect?.