

## **Accents and Dialects: Research Tasks**

1. Does age/generation impact upon dialect and accent?

2. What impact has the globalisation of English had upon accent and dialect?

3. What can you find out about historical attempts to standardise the English Language?

4. Are men more likely to use dialect than women?

*(You need evidence to support this. Conduct an experiment)*

5. Do men have stronger accents than women?  
*(You need evidence to support this. Conduct an experiment)*

6. What is 'the great vowel shift'?

7. What is RP?

8. How old is RP?

9. How has RP changed?

10. What is Estuary English and how old is it?

11. Why do people in the British Isles have different accents and dialects?

12. Do urban accents differ fundamentally from rural accents?

13. Which accents and dialects are a legacy from the Vikings/Norse?

14. Which accents and dialects are a legacy from the Anglo Saxons/Old English?

15. Which accents and dialects are a legacy from the Normans/Middle English?

16. Do accents and dialects change and if so what makes them change?