

Nigerian English Phonology

- A. Nigerian English is a non-rhotic language. What does this mean? Which “inner circle” English has this feature?

- B. What is the difference between stress in Nigerian English and RP?

Nigerian English

RP

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| 1. fireWOOD | FIREwood |
| 2. maDAM | MAdam |
| 3. planTAIN | PLANtain |
| 4. congraguLATE | conGRAtulate |
| 5. development FUND | deVEloPMENT fund |

Difference: _____

- C. What is the difference between vowel sounds in Nigerian English and RP?

Nigerian English

RP

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| 1. /i/ | /i:/ |
| 2. /a/ | /a:/ |
| 3. /u/ | /u:/ |
| 4. /ε/ | /ε:/ |

Difference: _____

- D. These sounds in RP do not exist in many Nigerian languages, so they are substituted for other others.

RP

Nigerian English

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| 1. ð [this] | /d/ |
| 2. ʃ [cheese] | /ʃ/ [sheep] or /s/ |
| 3. ʒ [television] | /ʃ/ |
| 4. /v/ | /f/ |
| 5. /z/ | /s/ |