Sociolects of Singaporean English

1. **Acrolet**
   = __________________________
   • There is no difference from the features of Standard British English (EBE)

2. **Mesolect**
   = __________________________
   • It has some features distinct from SBE.
   **Features:**
   a. May I ask where is the toilet? __________________________
   b. May I apply for car licence? __________________________
   c. He always go to the shopping centre. __________________________

3. **Basilect**
   = __________________________
   • It is similar to a creole language since it mixes languages together. It is a fully-functional language unlike a pidgin language.
   • It is used as an identity marker.
   **Features:**
   a. You are coming today, is it? __________________________
   b. My handwriting not good, lah. __________________________
   c. It’s ok, lah. __________________________
   d. Hurry lah, I need to go now! __________________________

**Examples:**

- **Acrolect (SSE)**  This person's Singlish is very good.
- **Mesolet**          Dis guy Singlish damn good eh.
- **Basilect (Singlish)** Dis guy Singrish si beh zai sia.
**Questions:**

1. Who would use the acrolect (SSE)? When would they use it?

2. Who would use the basilect (Singlish)? When would they use it?

3. Why is there a mesolect?

4. What is code switching?