

# Types of Australian English

## *Transcription*

So, what is Aussie English? There are actually three types of Aussie English. The first one is Crocodile Dundee, Paul Hogan, Steve Irwin – *ah yeah I'm gonna get this crocodile over here*. Bloody Steve Irwin, the whole of the world, again, thinks Australians talk like Steve Irwin. And then there's Bob Hawke – *yeah, he was the prime minister of Australia for many years* – and he was a very intelligent, educated man and he sounded like a farmer. No offence. Then, now, Julia Gillard, the vice, ah no, it's not the vice president, no deputy prime minister. I stayed up to watch the election. Kevin Rudd got in. I was sitting on the edge of my coffee table and there was Julia Gillard, and I've only ever seen her in pictures of women's magazines. You know with her empty fruit bowl behind her, but anyway, looking very glamorous and gorgeous. And, I was “Ah Julia Gillard, she's lovely.” And then, she opened her mouth – *Ah yes, Kevin Rudd is just marvelous and I could talk all night very slowly. I close my eyes a little bit and then I open them. And I talk like a pensioner*. No offence. She talks like a 65-year-old outback, you know, Paul Hogan's mom. That's how she talks. Anyway, so, 10 percent of Australians do talk like that. 10 percent of them talk a little bit posh. Our ex-prime minister Malcolm Fraiser, Cate Blanchett, if you ever hear Kate talking, she's got a lovely voice. She sounds almost English. Like, you know, you can't really tell about some of the words, she could be English. And, Heath Ledger had a nice Australian accent. He was from Perth, but umm where I'm from. So, 10 percent speak, we call that “cultured educated English.” And then 80 percent talk like Nicole Kidman, Kevin Rudd or our illustrious ambassador or me, like, just regular, this is how Australians talk.