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1 Dialectal differences <sup>s? ⇒ z</sup>

STUDENT:

2 Structurally, the English language is fairly homogeneous all over the <sup><LOOK IT UP></sup> <sup>d → δ</sup>

3 world, but there are <sup>∩J ⇒ ∩δ</sup> <sup>a: ✓ nice!</sup> marked differences in pronunciation between its

4 many dialects. It is interesting to note that some of the most striking of <sup>∩s slightly too long</sup>

5 these differences occur in the small island of Britain, a fact for which <sup>✓ nice rhythm</sup>

6 there is, of course, a perfectly logical historical explanation. Visitors <sup>d → δ</sup> <sup>∩J ⇒ ∩δ</sup> <sup>p ✓ nice!</sup>

7 from the United States of America, where only three main dialects are

8 recognized, are often taken aback when they hear the widely differing <sup>æ: too long</sup>

9 British accents. <sup>✓ better than my own pronunciation</sup>

10 During the Second World War, a number of British and American

11 mechanics who were stationed in a certain country in the Near East, <sup>ei slightly too long</sup> <sup>i: slightly too long</sup>

12 were living together in a local boarding house. One day at tea-time an

13 American who hailed from Kansas was sitting opposite a

14 Yorkshireman <sup>?</sup> who had a strong local accent and two <sup>d → ʌ</sup> Londoners, one

15 of whom spoke in the Received Pronunciation while the other had a <sup>d → δ</sup> <sup><udder = Enter></sup>

16 marked Cockney accent. After listening for some time to the <sup>d → δ</sup>

17 conversation of these three, the Kansan suddenly burst in with: "Say, I

18 can't figure out how you Britishers understand one another." <sup>✓ nice! :)</sup>

