


# VARIEDADES DEL INGLÉS

UNIT 4	Linguistic features	11 Oct. 2017
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- 4.1. What is the purpose of John C. Wells's lexical sets? Outline the pronunciation of the keywords in the standard accents RP (Received Pronunciation) and GenAm (General American).
- 4.2. Sociolinguistics can be described as the study of language in relation to social factors.
- a) Define important concepts like *dialect*, *idiolect*, *basilect*, *mesolect* or *acrolect*.
  - b) Trudgill's pyramid structure shows the correlation between dialectal variation and social class. Explain.
  - c) Registers, genres and styles: clarify the terminology and give examples of these varieties of language.
- 4.3. Read David Crystal's "Speaking of Writing and Writing of Speaking" (1995).
- a) Outline the seven differences he mentions and illustrate them with examples.
  - b) Naomi S. Baron (2000) distinguishes five approaches and three models in the study of the relationship between speech and writing. Which are they? Where would Crystal's essay fit in that classification? Why?
- 4.4. Read Fiona Lyddy et al.'s "An Analysis of Language in University Students' Text Messages" (2014).
- a) What do studies say about the effects that textisms exert on young people's literacy or on the processing costs for readers?
  - b) Which research questions did the authors pose? How did their investigation answer those questions?
  - c) As an instance of academic writing, this article follows the IMRAD format. How is information organized according to this convention?