


# VARIETADES DEL INGLÉS

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- 5.1.** Dialectology studies variation in vocabulary, grammar or pronunciation that results from relative geographic or social isolation of speakers.
- Explain the distinction between traditional and mainstream dialects.
  - What kind of speakers were selected for the Survey of English Dialects (SED)? What topics were discussed in its questionnaire? Why do you think this was so?
  - Explain concepts used in this discipline like *observer's paradox* or *isogloss*.
- 5.2.** Look for some information about the dialects of the following areas. (Pay attention to the historical and geographical factors that explain their singularity, and briefly list their most distinguishing features.)
- London (Cockney, Estuary English, Multicultural London English);
  - North;
  - West Country.
- 5.3.** Read Peter Trudgill's "The Historical Sociolinguistics of Elite Accent Change" (2008). Take note of:
- three reasons why some people think RP is disappearing;
  - three characteristics of RP that prove the influence of lower prestige south-eastern accents;
  - three mechanisms that maintain RP's social distinctiveness.
- 5.4.** Does Spanish (or your mother tongue) have an equivalent to RP? Discuss.