


VARIEDADES DEL INGLÉS

UNIT 2	Language contact	27 Sept. 2017
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2.1. Linguistic ecology looks at how languages interact with each other.

- What is the difference between “code-switching” and “language shift”?
- Compare the processes of koinéization, pidginization, and creolization.
- What do we mean by “founder effect” in genetics and in linguistics?
- Explain what communication accommodation theory (CAT) is.

2.2. How did different colonization styles (like trade, exploitation, settlement or plantation colonies) affect language contact situations and the subsequent evolution of new varieties of English?

2.3. Read the extract from Henry G. Widdowson’s “The Ownership of English” (1993).

- What is Standard English? What arguments can be given in support of the desirability of a standard?
- If different accents are generally accepted, why are spelling or grammatical deviations considered inadmissible?

2.4. English does not have an equivalent to the Association of Academies of the Spanish Language. How is linguistic unity preserved then?