


VARIETADES DEL INGLÉS

UNIT 6	Scotland, Wales and Ireland	25 Oct. 2017
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6.1. 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.)

- a) Scotland;
- b) Wales;
- c) Ireland.

6.2. One of the factors that sociolinguistics studies is gender.

- a) Do men and women speak differently? What differences have you noticed in their speech practices?
- b) Search for Robin Lakoff's list of features of women's language.
- c) Explain the four main approaches to language and gender that Jeniffer Coates (2004) refers to. Which one do you feel most identified with? Why?

6.3. Read Deborah Cameron's "Sex and the Power of Speech" (2010).

- a) What does she say about which sex talks more? Does it depend exclusively on the speaker's assertive attitude?
- b) "The debate on which sex talks more, and why, illustrates two of the most important insights of recent research on gender and language-use" (4). Summarize those two insights.
- c) Cameron criticizes some generalizations about sex and power. Which approach (of those discussed by Jeniffer Coates) is adopted by people who spread such ideas?