

Your Name: _____

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Due in lecture on Wednesday, October 18. (The absolute final deadline is your scheduled discussion on Friday, October 20. After that, there will be a grade penalty. No excuses!)

For this survey, you need to locate an "informant", someone whose dialect you will describe. **Your informant must have been born and brought up in Massachusetts.** If you yourself are from Massachusetts, then your informant should be someone who, in your opinion, is representative of the local dialect where you live. It is preferable to get informants from your parents' generation or older. If you are not from Massachusetts, then it's OK for you to use a fellow student.

When you meet with your informant, tell him/her that you are doing a project for a course about how people speak in different parts of Massachusetts. Explain that you're interested in the informant's most comfortable, natural way of speaking — the way he/she would speak to family members or close friends in an informal situation. Say that you have only about 10 questions and the whole survey will take just a few minutes. The responses should go directly on this sheet, which you will then turn in.

Information about your informant (must be from Massachusetts!)

City or town where your informant lives: _____ Zip code: _____

Circle the name of the *county* where he/she lives (if in doubt, check the map on the next page):

Barnstable	Berkshire	Bristol	Dukes	Essex	Franklin
Hampden	Hampshire	Middlesex	Norfolk	Nantucket	Plymouth
Suffolk	Worcester				

Your informant's age (estimate, if necessary): _____

Ask your informant to read these sentences aloud, taking note of the pronunciation. Then circle the response that best matches what you heard.

I'm sneezing a lot. I think I caught a cold.

Whenever the kids have friends over, they get out the cot and set it up in the bedroom.

He kept driving around the block because he couldn't find any place to park.

I saw an accident on the way home from work today.

At half past four, the plumber came out of the bathroom.

1. The words *cot* and *caught* were pronounced: the same differently
2. The word *park* was pronounced: with *r* without *r*
3. The phrase *I saw an* was pronounced: with *r* without *r*
4. Is *half* pronounced with broad [ah]? Yes No
Is *past* pronounced with broad [ah]? Yes No
Is *bath(room)* pronounced with broad [ah]? Yes No
(Hint: if *half* rhymes with *staff*, *past* with *cast*, or *bath* with *math*, then the answer is no.)

Read the following questions to your informant and circle the first response that the informant gives. (Circle only one response, please!) If your informant is stuck or gives an inappropriate response, read the list of possible responses and ask which word they use most. The questions continue on the next page.

5. What do you call beverages like Coke, Pepsi, Sprite, and 7-Up?

soda pop soda-pop tonic coke

6. What do you call a drink made with milk, ice cream, and flavored syrup, all mixed together?

a milkshake or shake a frappe a cabinet

7. You go into a diner and you order a regular coffee. What do you expect to get?

black coffee coffee with cream and sugar

8. When you go to the supermarket to buy food and other things, you put the items in a wheeled vehicle that you push around the store. What do you call it?

cart carriage

9. What do you call blue denim pants?

jeans or bluejeans dungarees

10. What do you call the device that sends up a stream of water for drinking when you push a button or turn a knob?

fountain or water fountain bubbler

