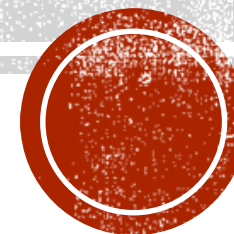


SOCIOLINGUISTICS, LESSON 1

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- Sociolinguistics
- Language, society, and Communication
- Varieties of language
- Pidgins and creoles
- Communicative competence
- Units of communication



SOCIOLINGUISTICS

- Study of language in relation to society.
- Place of language in society
- Explains linguistic diversity from the point of view of social factors
- Studies variation in language



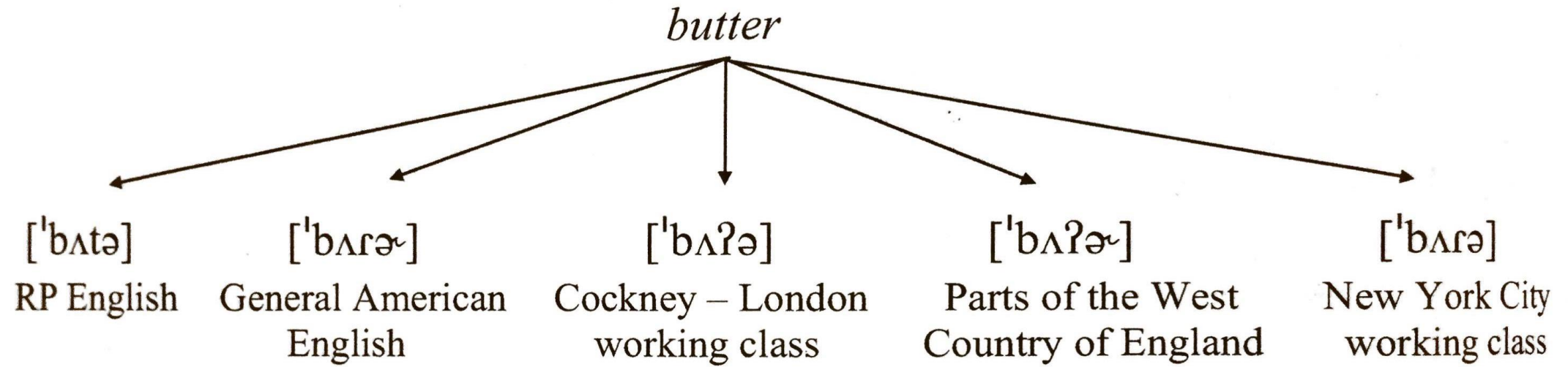
SOCIOLINGUISTICS VERSUS STRUCTURAL AND GENERATIVE LINGUISTICS

- SGL – languages are uniform
- SGL – language should be treated as invariant
- SGL – ideal speaker – listener, in a homogenous community
- SGL – no performance errors
- SL – language is heterogenous
- SL – number of varieties



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Invariant forms?
Denotational meaning?



VARIETIES OF LANGUAGE

- No language is invariable
- ..degree of abstraction – categories of language
- Idiolect
- Dialects – idiolects with some common features
- Language – set of mutually intercomprehensible dialects
- Standard language – spoken by educated people, prominence
- Sociolect – regional dialect
- Register – language according to situation



PIDGINS AND CREOLES

- Pidgin – not a native language
- Pidgin – simplification
- Composed of 2 or more languages – one being dominant (superstrate) and the other subordinate – substrate
- Creole – pidgin that has native speakers
- Creole – during creolization becomes a language of a speech community
- De-simplification



COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE

- Chomsky – competence / performance
- Abstract knowledge of language
- System of rules to produce well-formed sentences
- Hymes – COMMUNICATIVE competence – knowing not only the language code, but also what to say, when, how, to whom..



UNITS OF COMMUNICATION

- **SITUATION:** context in which communication takes place (a birthday party)
- **EVENT:** circumstances surrounding the utterance. (set of socially recognized rules), (conversation at the party)
- **ACT:** (speech act): basic unit of communication, single interactional act, such as a referential statement, a request, a command, etc. (a question in the conversation ...what's the time?)



HOMEWORK: WATCH THE WEBINAR

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eYIyMCoIAZY>



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