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## Test Your Speaking & Listening Skills

### Derbyshire Accent Project – Notes 2

#### Why do people from Derbyshire speak like this?

- So that they can speak faster. To minimise the time from speaker's brain to listener's brain.
- To fit in. To feel that they belong to a particular social, geographical, economic and/or cultural group.
- Because they are proud of their class and their heritage.
- To keep continuity with their family: "My dad spoke like this, and his dad before him..." and so on. They are comfortable with how they speak and everyone else is incorrect – either odd or comical (e.g. a Cockney or Brummie (Birmingham) accent), or posh (e.g. RP – Received Pronunciation).
- The language is richer and more varied (and as such more interesting and alive?) than standard dictionary English.

#### Important Phonetic Differences:

/ʊ/ for /ʌ/      e.g. bus → /bʊs/                      one → /wʊn/

/i/ for /eɪ/      e.g. Monday → /'mʊndi/

/ɑː/ for /aʊ/      e.g. about → /ə'baʊt/                      out → /ɑːt/

/æ/ for /ɑː/      e.g. bath → /bæθ/

/ʌ/ for /ɒ/      e.g. was → /wʌz/

/e/ for /i/      e.g. ready → /'rede/

/uː/ for /juː/      e.g. stupid → /'stʊːpɪd/

/z/ for /s/      e.g. because → /'bɪkʌz/

/ə/ for /eə/      e.g. wasn't there? → /wɒnt ðə/

/e/ for /eɪ/      e.g. make → /mek/

/i/ for /aɪ/      e.g. my → /mi/

/i/ for /iː/      e.g. she → /ʃi/

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