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Unit 4: Investigating Language

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Topic: Global English

Subtopic: American English

Text A

The speaker is a white man in his 40s. He has lived most of his life in a small town in North Carolina, a southern state of the U.S.A.

(.) micro pause	/_/ key phonemic transcription
[] paralinguistic feature	

I used to spend a lot of /lptə/ time at my Granny's house (.) I called her Granny (.) and uh uh my grandfather was Baptist preacher (.) and uh the (.) I remember they built the new parsonage and we'd go out there and we'd always stayed at /ə/ Granny's house during the summer (.) and Granny (.) I was about five and my cousin Allen is about six (.) a little /lɪl/ older than me and uh Granny had a rooster and they called him Ro-Ho (.) and the rooster hated /həeɪtəd/ us and me and Allen lived in fear of the rooster (.) uh we'd get out in the yard or if we got off the porch here'd come the rooster a-flapping its wings and run us back in the house or run us up a /ə/ apple tree (.) we'd have to sing and holler and cry for Granny to come get the rooster so we could get out of /ə/ the apple tree (.) and /æn/ one day me and Allen went to the river they lived down by the river (.) we decided that we seen a little toy boat over on the other side of the river and we decided we's going to /gənə/ take our clothes off and walk cross there and get that toy (.) so we stripped down naked and we started across the river and here come Granny with the switch (.) and she wore us out all the way back to the house (.) but and (.) I's glad she got to me first because she got me a few stripes with it and poor Allen she whupped him most of the way to the house [laughs] and Granny was (.) uh the (.) she was the strong arm of the law back then (.) that some of the (.) one of the things (.) that's when we still lived in Tennessee (.) but uh (.) I went back and forth between my grandparents' houses (.) my other grandmother (.) Pearl (.) uh (.) Pearl used to have spells (.) that's what they called them (.) Pearl would have a spell and she'd sit /set/ up all night and she painted (.) she was like a artist (.) she went to college (.) she was a student there I mean a teacher here in Yancey County (.) and uh she'd sit /set/ up drag out old /əʊl/ magazines and paint and drive Pappy crazy and her talk (.) lord she'd talk your ear off with her (.) Pubba (.) we called her (.) Pubba Pubba's spells (.) and I remember Milt one time he'd got up (.) he'd get all fancied up to go to church up here at the Methodist /meθəʊdɪst/ Higgins Methodist and she had an old dishpan that where she'd when she washed dishes she'd rinse them in that dishpan of water (.) and they had (.) when they'd argue he'd say icky (.) she'd say something smart to him and he'd say icky (.) he started out the door going / gəʊɪn/ to church and she hit him in the back with that dishpan of water (.) and I never seen anybody so mad in their life

Source from: http://www.dialectsarchive.com/north-carolina-14

Topic: Child Language Development

Subtopic: The Development of Conversational Skills

Text B

This is a transcript of a conversation between James (aged four years) and his parents. It was recorded in the family home. James is playing with a variety of toys.

F = Father	M = Mother	J = James
(.) micro pause	(2) longer pause (number of seconds indicated)	/_/ key phonemic transcription
? rising tone		

J: I making a cup of tea

M: oh right (.) how are you heating it up

J: in my microwave /mɪkweɪvə/

M: does it take very long?

J: yeah it take takes very /wel/ very /ve/ long

M: how long is very long?

J: five minutes

M: it's going to be very hot

J: yeah it is (.) a cup of tea cup of tea very hot (10) here's your cup of tea

M: thank you (2) so (.) what are we going to do now?

J: that's an old thing /fɪŋ/ so we are going to make it newer and it's a big motor home

M: are you not playing with the Duplo house?

J: I did (.) I did (.) I not maked /meɪkt/ it

M: have you got enough wheels for a motor home?

J: I got one (.) two (.) three /fri:/ (.) four five six seven

M: wow (.) that was good counting

J: yeah it was (.) eight wheels

M: right (.) let's start with this bit

J: yeah (.) look mummy (.) mummy look (.) look what you done

M: what did I do? (.) what have I done?

J: it's that way (.) it that way (.) that way (.) we need to make a roof and a bottom

F: hiya James (.) do you want me to do something with the lorry?

J: it's a motor home (.) match that /dæt/ up /up/ with /wɪv/ that

F: why do you want daddy to do that then?

J: so it can be a light

F: and what do you want the light for

J: so people /pə/ see in it

F: for what?

J: so people /pi:pəl/ see in it (.) for people to see in it (.) a torch

F: what are you going to do with the torch?

J: to switch it on so people in motor home can see

F: oh (.) it's for the motor home (.) is it a headlight for the motor home?

J: yeah (.) it's a torch for the motor home

Glossary

Duplo - children's construction toy by Lego®, designed for ages 1½ to 5, with larger bricks making them easier to handle and less likely to be swallowed by younger children

Topic: Language and Power

Subtopic: Newspaper Language

This article is from the British newspaper, the *Daily Mail*. It concerns government changes to welfare benefits for people with long-term illnesses that make it hard for them to work.

Text C

The Great Welfare Myth: The chattering classes are peddling a poisonous myththat the poor cannot survive without the soul-deadening embrace of welfarism

By Brendan O'Neill

It was the week the battle over benefits exploded into life as liberals howled about Tory cuts. But here a leading Left-wing thinker says the chattering classes are peddling a poisonous myth – that the poor cannot survive without the soul-deadening embrace of welfarism.

The thing about receiving incapacity benefit is that you really start believing you're incapable. The Government tells you you're incapable, and it sinks in: I'm useless, I can't work, I must be looked after.'

So says an old friend of mine who lives in the most deprived ward in Barnet, North London, where we both grew up. After suffering anxiety attacks, he's been 'on the sick' — that is, receiving some form of sickness benefit — for nearly five years. It is, he assures me, an unpleasant existence.

'You get sucked into a life of uselessness. The Government gives you enough money to live on, but you don't live. You do the same thing day in, day out. See the same people, watch the same TV, drift off to sleep in mid-afternoon.'



The welfare system subjugates the poor, ensnaring them in a trap of dependency, and crushing their horizons



Twisted values: Mick and Mairead Philpott, who were convicted of killing six of their children in a fire, have raised the welfare debate

He says he's pleased Iain Duncan Smith is shaking up benefits paid to 'the incapable', alongside other forms of welfare. More than two million Brits receive sickness-related benefits, and my friend reckons many of them must be like him: not really sick, but simply treated as sick by a welfare system with more money than sense.

He agrees with Grant Shapps, chairman of the Conservative Party, who says of the army of sickness claimants: 'It is not that these people were trying to play the system, so much as these people were forced into a system that played them.'

This is the side to the welfare debate we rarely hear about, at least not from Left-wing politicians and commentators: how the welfare system subjugates the poor, ensnaring them in a trap of dependency, and crushing their horizons.

Over the past week, as IDS's welfare reforms have kicked in, we've heard quite the opposite from middle-class liberals who have been tearing their hair out over the fact that the poor aren't rising up against them.



Grant Shapps, chairman of the Conservative Party, who says of the army of sickness claimants: 'It is not that these people were trying to play the system, so much as these people were forced into a system that played them'

They're bamboozled as to why the down-at-heel haven't peeled their eyes away from the Jeremy Kyle Show, got off their subsidised sofas and marched to Whitehall to demand: 'Leave our welfare payments alone.'

Where well-off, Left-leaning do-gooders in Britain's leafier suburbs are weeping into their macchiato coffees over the Tories' trims to welfare spending, the poor seem unmoved. What is wrong with these ungrateful urchins, plummy-voiced radicals wonder?

What the posh warriors for welfarism don't understand is that the poor do not share their enthusiasm for the welfare state, for one very simple reason: like my friend, they know what the welfare state is like, and what a corrupting influence it can have on individual ambition and community life.

They have seen with their own eyes what the intrusion of welfarism into every nook and cranny of poor people's lives can do.

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Glossary

Chattering classes - Derogatory term for well-educated middle-class people who enjoy discussing political, cultural, and social matters

Tory - Conservative Party

lain Duncan Smith (IDS) - Conservative Party government minister

Jeremy Kyle Show - British talk show

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-2304776/The-Great-Welfare-Myth-The-chattering-classes-peddling-poisonous-myth--poor-survive-soul--deadening-embrace-welfarism.html

Topic: Language and Technology

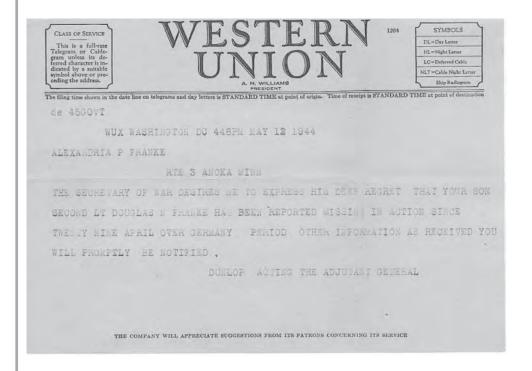
Subtopic: Early Telecommunication

Text D

These telegrams were all sent in the first half of the 20th century.

Transcripts are shown below each telegram.

Text D1



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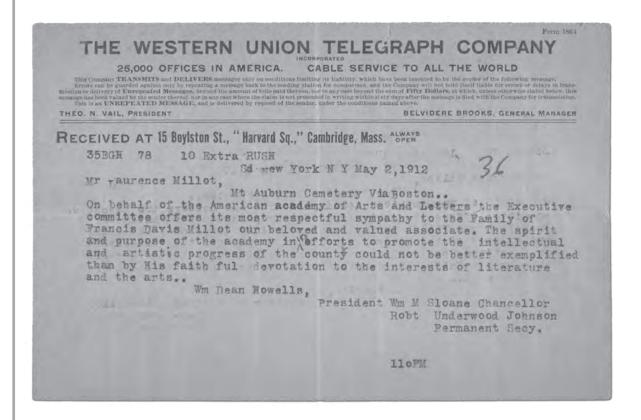
ALEXANDRIA P FRANKE

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THE SECRETARY OF WAR DESIRES ME TO EXPRESS HIS DEEP REGRET THAT YOUR SON SECOND LT DOUGLAS N FRANKE HAS BEEN REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION SINCE TWENTY NINE APRIL OVER GERMANY PERIOD OTHER INFORMATION AS RECEIVED YOU WILL PROMPTLY BE NOTIFIED

DUNLOP ACTING THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

Source from: http://www.vukutu.com/blog/wp-content/uploads/2010/08/Western-Union-gram-1944.jpg



35 BGH 78 10 Extra RUSH

Sd New York N Y May 2, 1912

Mr Laurence Millot,

Mt Auburn Cemetery Via Boston..

On behalf of the American academy of Arts and Letters the Executive committee offers its most respectful sympathy to the Family of Francis Davis Millot our beloved and valued associate. The spirit and purpose of the academy in efforts to promote the intellectual and artistic progress of the county could not be better exemplified than by His faith ful devotation to the interests of literature and the arts..

Wm Dean Howells,

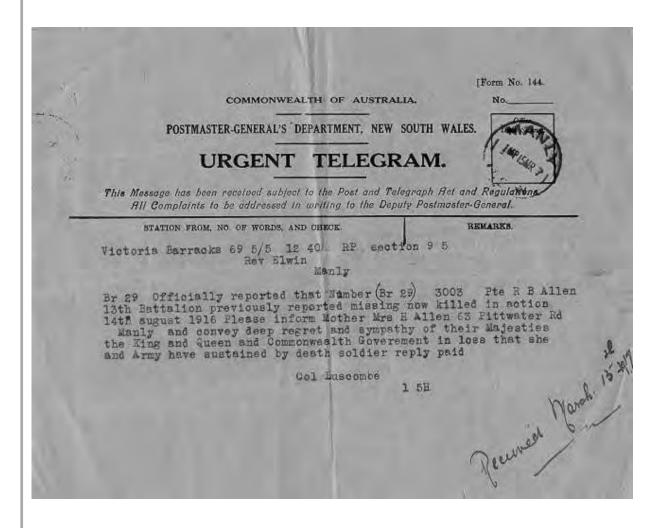
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Robt Underwood Johnson

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Source from: http://postalmuseum.si.edu/fireandice/condolenceletters.html



Victoria Barracks 69 5/5 12 40 RP section 9 5

Rev Elwin

Manly

Br 29 Officially reported that Number Br 29 3003 Pte R B Allen 13th Battalion previously reported missing now killed in action 14th august 1916 Please inform Mother Mrs H Allen 63 Pittwater Rd

Manly and convey deep regret and sympathy of their Majesties The King and Queen and Commonwealth Government in loss that she and Army have sustained by death soldier reply paid

Col Luscombe

15H

Source from: https://www.awm.gov.au/encyclopedia/memorial_scroll/letter4.asp



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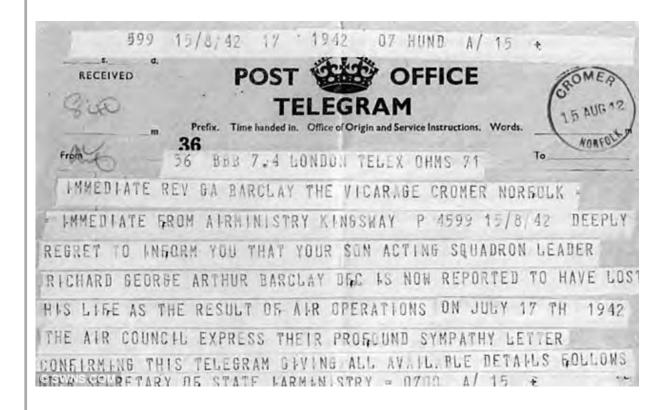
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MRS AL MOORE =
CARE J S LOVE NORTH STATE ST JACKSON MISS =

HAVE JUST HEARD OF YOUR GREAT MISFORTUNE OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY IS WITH YOU =

ELIZABETH AND LUTTRELL.

Source from: http://www.brandautopsy.com/2007/08/twitter-as-tele.html



36 BBB 7.4 LONDON TELEX OHMS 71

IMMEDIATE REV GA BARCLAY THE VICARAGE CROMER NORFOLK

IMMEDIATE FROM AIRMINISTRY KINGSWAY P 4599 15/8/42 DEEPLY

REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR SON ACTING SQUADRON LEADER

RICHARD GEORGE ARTHUR BARCLAY DFC IS NOW REPORTED TO HAVE LOST

HIS LIFE AS THE RESULT OF AIR OPERATIONS ON JULY 17 TH 1942

THE AIR COUNCIL EXPRESS THEIR PROFOUND SYMPATHY LETTER

CONFIRMING THIS TELEGRAM GIVING ALL AVAILABLE DETAILS FOLLOWS

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