

People's Unique Speech Patterns

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Some people speak very slowly as if in a stupor. Others speak like rapid gun fire.

There are those, such as Henry Kissinger, who speak with an accent as thick as potato soup. In comparison our beloved member, Sophy, has conquered the English pronunciation very well and has only a touch of her Hungarian accent.

Some speak in a singsong manner as if they are practicing their music scales.

"Out of my way, Dude, I'm coming through," shouts the voice of the confident one while the timid hesitantly asks, "If you please, would you move a bit so I can get through."

Then there are who have long stretches of silence where you wonder if they are finished or just contemplating what to say next.

A child may talk as if he has a mouth full of mush, while a salesperson may speak as if reading a script.

I am always curious when I hear Rush Limbaugh say "shed-yule" when the rest of us pronounce the word as "schedule." Where did he learn that?

The diction of some is so perfect you wonder if there is any spontaneity in their life.

Often you know exactly where a person grew up by their accent or choice of words.

How boring it would be if we all spoke in the same manner. Our speech patterns reveal much about us and give clues to our personality. Hurrah for diversity.