

# TEXT FILE FOR ILLINOIS 10

Gender: Male

Ethnicity: White Year of Birth: 1953

Place of Birth: Chicago, IL USA

City/State/Province/Country where you were raised: Chicago, IL, USA

Level of education: Bachelor's Degree

List places more than 50 miles from place of birth lived for more than a year:  
Twin Cities, MN for the past 10 years

Current occupation: Financial Advisor

Interviewed by: Joseph Papke on 4/29/05

## Interviewer's Notes

The subject is a 51-year-old white male born and raised in a predominately Italian neighborhood in Chicago, Illinois. He lived in Chicago and the surrounding areas for 40 years before moving to Minnesota. In addition to working as a certified Financial Planner, he also acts in local theaters.

The subject reads "Comma Get a Cure". In the unscripted speech that follows he discusses the dialects of two Chicago neighborhoods, demonstrates the heavier dialect from his childhood neighborhood, and then very briefly compares the New York Italian and Chicago Italian dialects

The subject's Chicago dialect is strong and has not been affected by his living in Minnesota. Though subject is also an actor, his ability to affect other speech patterns has had little effect on his natural dialect, which by his own account can become thicker with Italian heritage dialect elements when he speaks with residents of his own neighborhood. Overall, listen for harder and more nasal vowels (especially [æ] which becomes very forward, hard, and flat, perhaps represented by [æ̃] or [ǣ]), very present and tense [ɪ], and some consonant weakening or dropping in clusters.

Words to listen for in "Comma Gets a Cure" include—

working

dropped /g/ in present participle endings

very happy	tense [ɪ], weak /h/, flat [æ]
first	[fɜːs]
got	[gɑt]
woman with a goose	slurred
animal	flat [æ]
foot and mouth	[fʊʔn.mouθʔ]
sorry	[sɑɪ]
trap	flat [æ]
back	[bæg], weak final consonant
relaxing bath	flat [æ]
almost	[ɔmoust], with weak /t/
cost	[kɑs]
imagine	flat [æ]

In the unscripted portion—

side	[saɪd]
accent	flat [æ]
Franz	flat [æ]
this	[dɪs]
Saturday	[sætəde]
that	[dæt <sup>h</sup> ]
Polacks	[pɒlaks]
Westside	[wɛsaɪdʔ]
guys	[gaɪs]
exaggerating	flat [æ]
happy	[æpi]
job	[dʒɑb]
neighborhood	[eɪ]
Jerry	[dʒ <sup>h</sup> ɛɪ]
that's	[dɛɪts]
occasionally	[eɪ]
Angelo	flat [æ]
over here	[oʊvəɪ]
cold	[kɒl]
Minnesota	[mɪnəsə]
over there	[oʊvədeə]
that	flat [æ]

Mantegna  
character  
talk

[eɪ]  
flat [æ], tense [ɪ]  
[tɑk<sup>ɪ</sup>], weak /k/