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In this interview a twenty-one-year old Caucasian Female talks about her family, her hobbies and her life as a drama student. She was born and raised in Pretoria, Gauteng. This more cosmopolitan region would have secured consistent exposure to spoken English. Such exposure is possibly notable in her dialect as her syllable stress patterns reflect South African English. The /R/ sound is also less pronounced than it would be in Afrikaans speakers who have had less exposure to spoken English.

Certain vowel sounds reflect typical patterns. For example: the /aʊ/ in "accountant" leans towards a /æʊ/ which is a feature of the dialect as is her treatment of the /o/. This sound displays less rounding than the RP /ʊə/.

Another observation is the use of the /i/ in words that start with /RE/ spellings. Although Afrikaans speakers often favour the schwa over the /i/ she pronounced "remember" as /rɪmɛmbə/ and "require" as /rɪkwɪrɪ/.

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