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A twenty-year old Colored Female discusses her hometown Paarl, a town in the wine district of the Western Cape. Her use of syllable stress and inflection is typical of the Cape Colored dialect. Other typical features is the pre-vocalic trilled /R/ and the use of voiceless plosive consonants at the ends of words. For example: /side/ became /site/ and /job/ became /jop/.

Signature elements of the dialect are also reflected in her articulation of vowels. One such prominent sound is the /æ/ sound as in "imagine" that became /e/ /imedʒin/. The Afrikaans of the Cape Colored speakers is often characterised by the longer duration that they provide to certain sounds. This is potentially transferred to her English.

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