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A thirty-seven year old Caucasian male talks about his ancestry and life in Africa. He also refers to his schooling, his family and his decision to study acting after completing a law degree.

Despite a brief stay in the Northern Cape, he was born and raised in Pretoria, Gauteng where he would have gained significant exposure to the spoken English. During his acting course he also participated in pronunciation training, aimed at producing more neutral South African English for performance purposes. This possibly influenced his spoken English.

Despite such training his speech displays certain phonetic features common to the Afrikaans accent. The /R/ is trilled in pre-vocalic positions in words such as "Africa" and the /g/ is omitted from the word "English" resulting in /ɪŋlɪʃ/. Also note the insertion of a syllable in "century" which makes it /setʃɪ'ari/.

Syntactically he sometimes favours the continuous form of the verb over the simple form. Example: "***We were living in the North...***" This too is often noted in the English of Afrikaans speakers.

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