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A twenty-two year old Caucasian Male talks about his childhood in Vrede, a small town in the Freestate where Afrikaans is the predominant language. He does however, indicate that he attended a school that provided instruction in Afrikaans and English and the fact that his mother exposed him to English at a young age. He has also lived in Harrismith in Kwazulu Natal where English is predominant and now resides in Johannesburg, the most cosmopolitan city in South Africa. This implies that he has had significant exposure to spoken English. He has also participated in pronunciation refinement training as a drama student.

His English dialect therefore resembles a young Afrikaans speaker and does not display all the signature characteristics. He does not apply the typical /R/ sound and his use of certain consonants is comparable to that of South African English. Despite this, minor signals such as the deletion of /g/ in "English" emerge. He also replaces the /ɒ/ as in "comma" with an /o/

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