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In this short recording, a twenty-year old colored female talks about Paarl, her hometown. It is a small town in the Western Cape where Afrikaans is used predominantly. Her speech is characterised by a fairly accelerated rate, which causes shortening of certain vowel phonemes and diphthongs. Example /eə/ as in 'there' became /ɛ/. Another typical component is the /æ/ in 'unsanitary' that became an /ɛ/. It is also interesting to note how she uses the schwa in 'originally', this became an /ʊ/.

The /R/ sound is quite pronounced, which gives her speech a distinct rhythm. The Afrikaans /R/ is most dominant in medial positions and occasionally noted in final in words such as 'nearer'.

Recorded by Marth Munro & Karina Lemmer in 2005.

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