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In this interview and twenty-one-year old Caucasian Female discusses her background in a town called Nigel which is in the East-Rand region of Gauteng. This would have placed her quite close to a major cosmopolitan area and thus would have exposed her to spoken English from an early age. Such exposure is evident in her accent as the typical /R/ sound is not distinct. She is therefore a good example of a new generation Afrikaans speaker who has achieved relative neutral fluency in English. Despite this certain patterns of the Afrikaans accent remains. The /o/ sound is one such example. Also note the articulation of the vowel /ɑɪ/ as in "time" that sounds like /ɑ:/. Not only is this a feature of the Afrikaans accent, it is also a typical quality adjustment of the East-Rand area where Mother-tongue speakers sometimes also uses the sound in this way.

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