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A sixty-eight year old Caucasian male discusses his childhood, schooling and his career with the South African Broadcasting Corporation. He has lived in many different parts of South Africa and as a result his English accent is not linked to any specific region. He also displays good fluency as he has gained extensive exposure to spoken English in his career. Certain typical patterns can however be noted. Vowels display quality changes. This is especially notable in the /ɒ/ as in "dog" that becomes a /ɔ/. He also replaces certain final voiced consonants with voiceless counterparts. Example /had/ became /hat/. The trilled /R/ is pronounced in his speech in pre-vocalic positions. Occasionally it can be noted in final positions in words such as "for" this is however inconsistent. Interestingly, he tends to trill the /R/ in certain post-vocalic positions when it is not a word-end. This occurs when longer vowels /ɑː/ and /ɜː/ are used in words such as "parts", "park" and "work".

Interviewed by Karina Lemmer in October 2005.

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