

# Lingua Inglese 2A

**Variation across social strata,  
situations, registers, and LSP.  
Completing Frost poem**

# Plan of the day

- Reminders: Survey, Markings, and FOEs
- A couple more issues with vowels and consonants
- Variation in general
- About world Englishes, Interlanguage, CAT
- Language across social strata, registers, situations, and starting LSP
- Prosody in Robert Frost

**EXTRA-CLASS WORK:** *Discovering*, Chp. 11 (*passive* and *d.m.* pp.79-90); Chp 16 (*formal/informal* pp.117-120); Chp 17 (*register* pp. 121-123); Chp 22 (*Tech-Sci Languages* pp. 149-156)  
Exercises: *Discovering* 11.2 (p. 89) , 17.7 (pp. 126-7), 21.1 (p.156)

**EXTRA-CLASS WORK:** Cutting, A5 (pp.33-44)  
Exercises. Cutting: Section C5, Activity on Text C, *Foot and mouth and elections* (p.99)

# Survey & Course registration

Please, make certain that you complete this survey

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# My markings

**LEX** (=LEXICAL ISSUES: you chose a word that is not appropriate for the sentence)

**SP** (=SPELLING ISSUES: you wrote a word the wrong way)

**MS** (=MORPHO-SYNTACTIC ISSUES: something is not working with the sentence structure; choice of tense, aspect, or modality of verbs; choice of case of pronouns; some sentence component is missing; the word order is wrong)

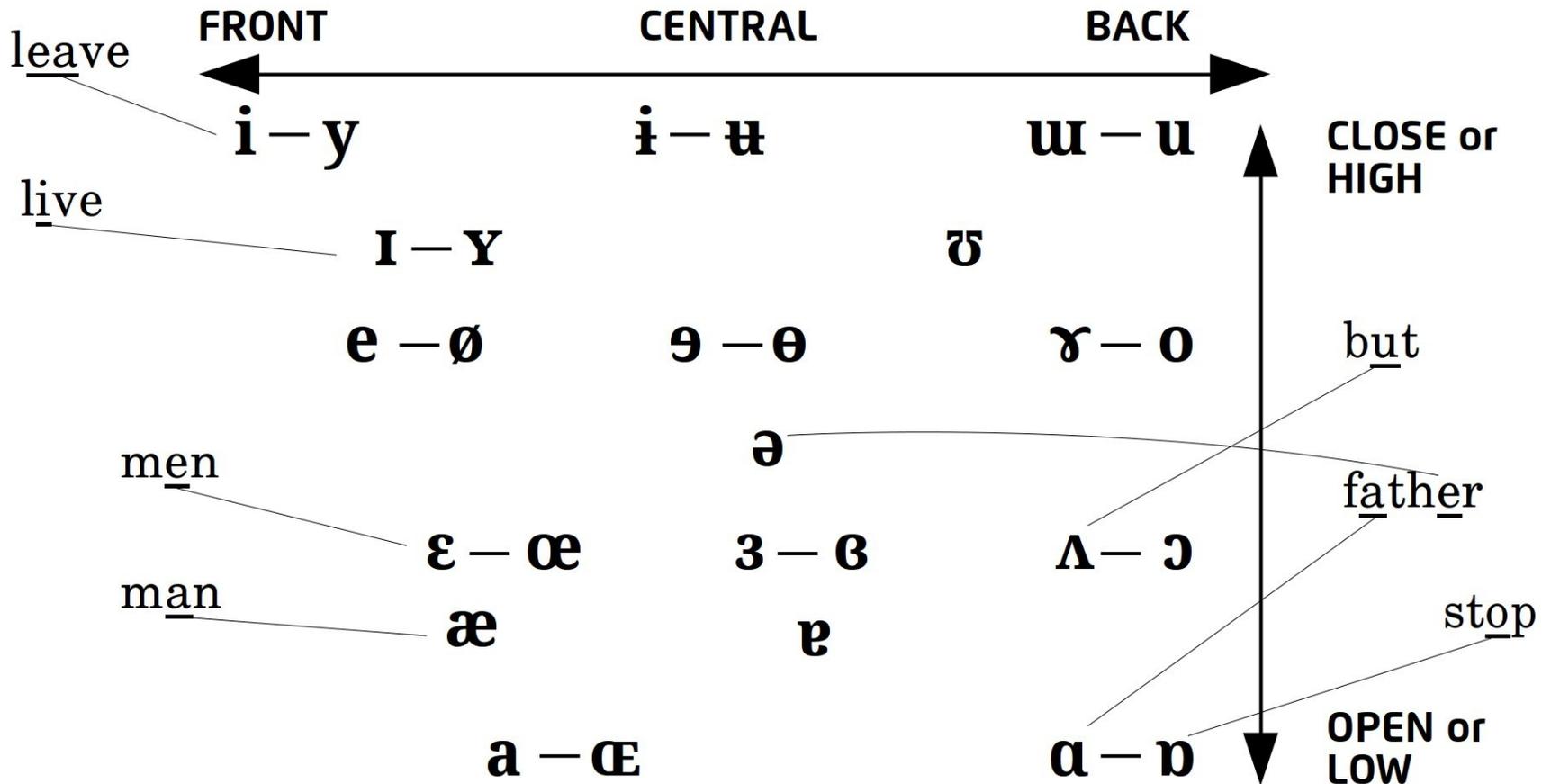
**V** (= something is missing).

 Short wave length marking = not a real mistake, but yours is not the best choice.

 Long wave length marking = content issue.

**Always check FOEs.  
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# VOWELS: IPA's symbols



When symbols show in pairs, the one to the right is rounded, pronounce it shaping your lips in a circle. The one to the left is pronounced with flat lips, as in a smile.

# IPA - Consonants

	Bilabial	Labio-dental	Dental	Alveolar	Post-alveolar	Palatal	Velar	Glottal
Nasal	m			n			ŋ	
Stop	p b			t d			k g	
Affricative					tʃ dʒ			
Fricative		f v	θ ð	s z	ʃ ʒ	j	w	h
Approximant				r(r)				

# Variation

**Across space** → diatopic variation

Dialect: accent, lexicon, morphology, and syntax

**Across social strata** → diastratic variation

Age, gender, social class/group, (professions: register, LSP).....

**Across situation** → diaphasic variation

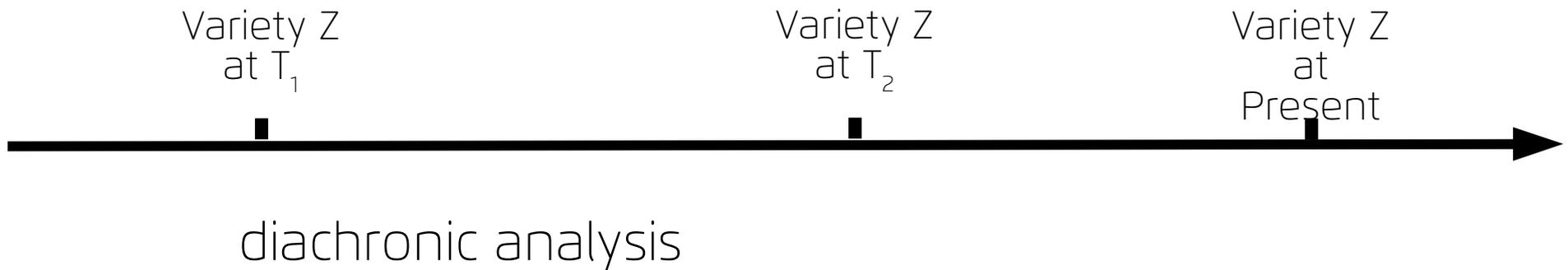
Formal Vs Informal (professions: register, LSP)

**Across means of communication** → diamesic variation

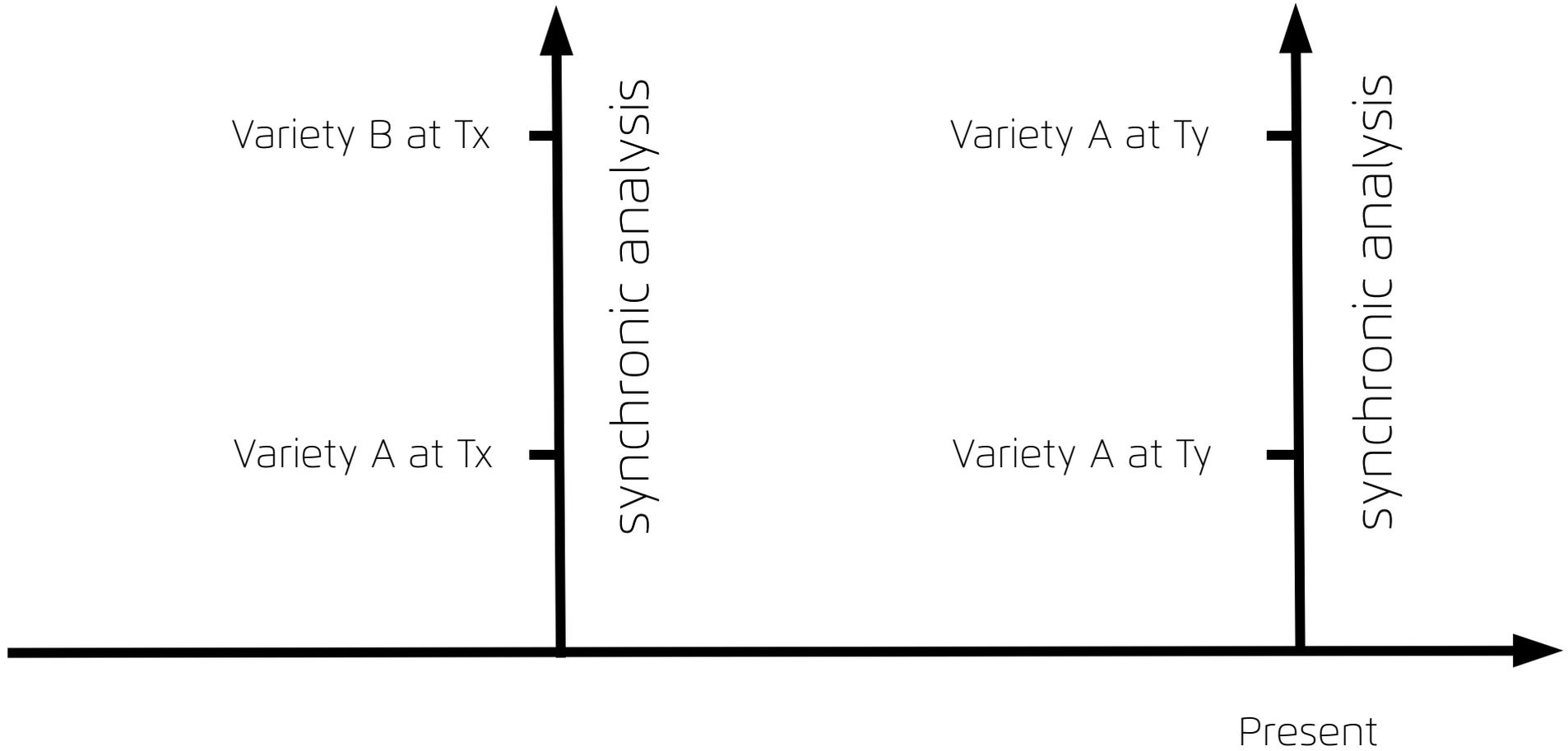
Spoken Vs Written Language, Technical means-related varieties

**Across time** → diachronic variation/analysis

# Analytical frames



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# Warning!

***Chairs are not created equal!!!!!!***

**Don't fall into linguistic determinism!**

e.g., Chicago accent nasalizes most vowels.

**BUT**

Not all Chicagoans speak with nasal vowels!

**NONETHELESS**

The features we study are statistically frequent, help us decide our linguistic strategies, and convey meaning!

**Side note**

Illinois

Tucson

Kansas BUT Arkansas

# Commercials & variation

## Commercial 1

What is the structure of this commercial?

Make a note of the two sentences overwritten in the middle of the commercial

# Commercials & variation

Commercial 1

WRONG first  
impression

RIGHT second  
impression

Voice over

Again RIGHT  
second  
impression

# Commercials & variation

Commercial 1

WRONG first  
impression

[old quiet man]

Commercial 2

RIGHT second  
impression

[DJ]  
Setting: Disco  
No talk

Voice over

Again RIGHT  
second  
impression

[DJ]  
“oooo yeah!”

# Commercials & variation

Commercial 1

**WRONG** first  
impression

[rapper, gangster]

Commercial 2

**RIGHT** second  
impression

[wedding planner]  
Setting: wedding site  
"No, no and no,  
The ice sculpture goes  
over there. Frank, get  
in here....."

**Voice over**

**Again RIGHT**  
second  
impression

[wedding planner]  
"am I here by myself"

# Register definition

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathbf{REGISTER} \\ \textit{ISA} \\ \text{Linguistic variety} \end{array} = f \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{situation} \\ \text{topics covered} \\ \text{profession} \end{array} \right)$$

Registers differ from one another on the basis of the linguistic choices made by the speakers.

# In-class activity



- Start a worksheet. Use the back of the Frost poem.
- It **MUST** be a small notebook size sheet (A5)
- On top of the page, write:
  - LAST NAME & first name (BLOCK LETTERS, please)
  - ID#
  - today's date
  - NO

**SIGNATURE**

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# Commercials & variation

**Following the structure of the Vistaprint commercials, create a new version with different characters.**

WRONG first impression

[.....]

RIGHT second impression

[.....]  
Setting: .....  
" ..... "

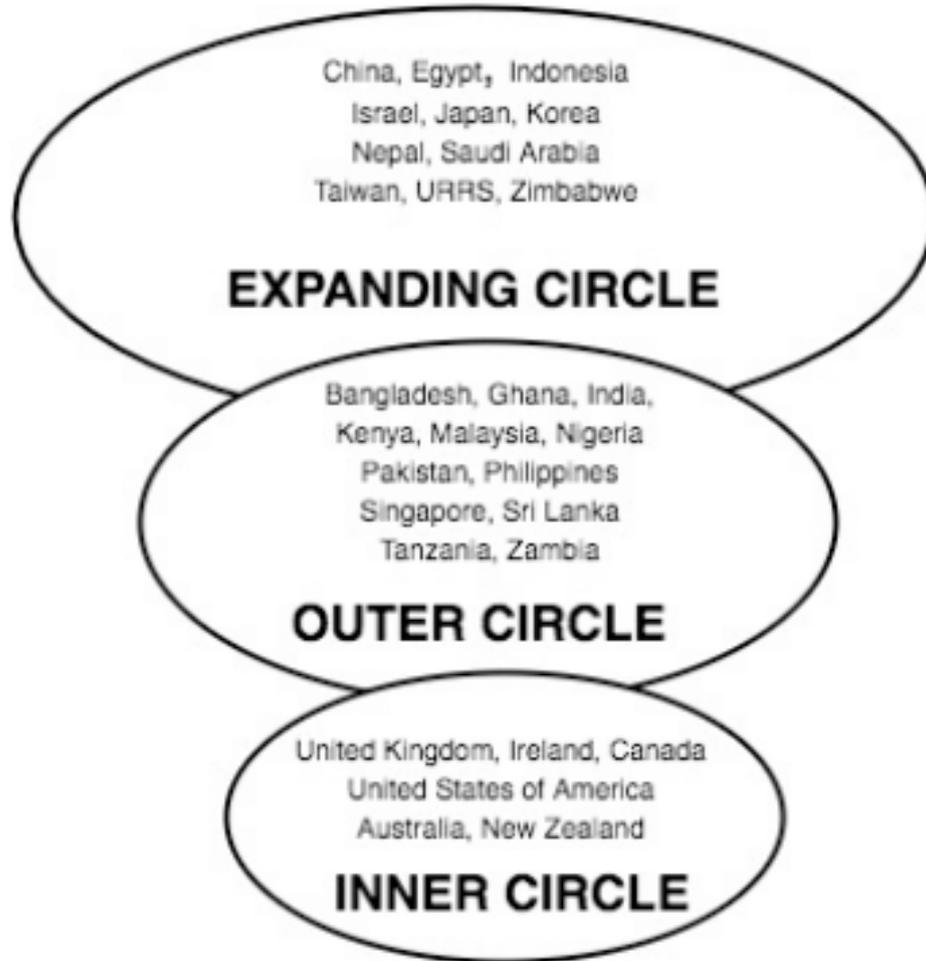
Voice over

Again RIGHT second impression

[.....]  
" ..... "

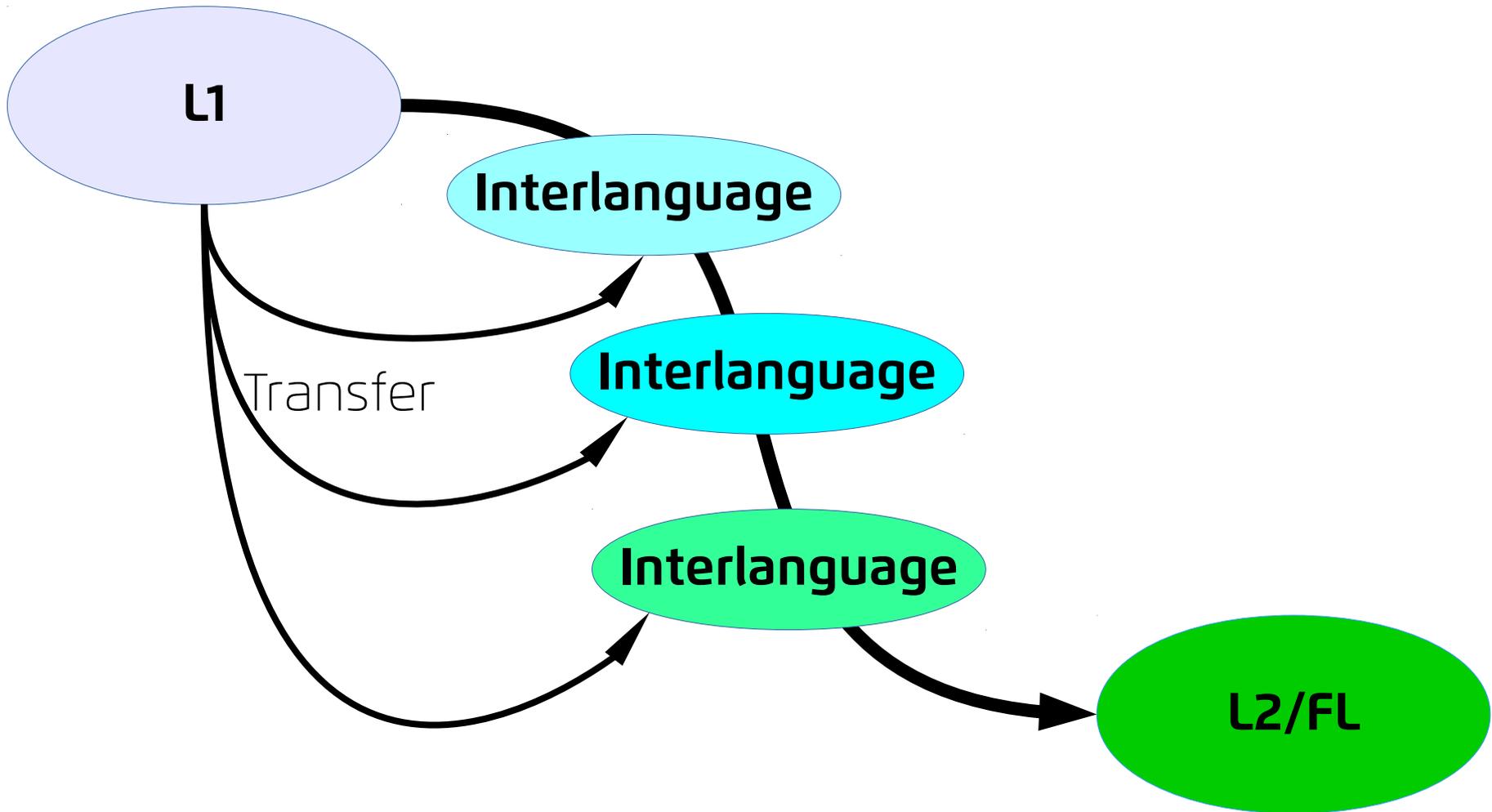
# Englishes, Kachru's circles, and EFL

The current sociolinguistic profile of English may be viewed in terms of three concentric circles . . . The Inner Circle refers to the traditional cultural and linguistic bases of English. The Outer Circle represents the institutionalised non-native varieties (ESL) in the regions that have passed through extended periods of colonisation . . . The Expanding Circle includes the regions where the performance varieties of the language are used essentially in EFL contexts. (Kachru, 1985, p. 366-367)



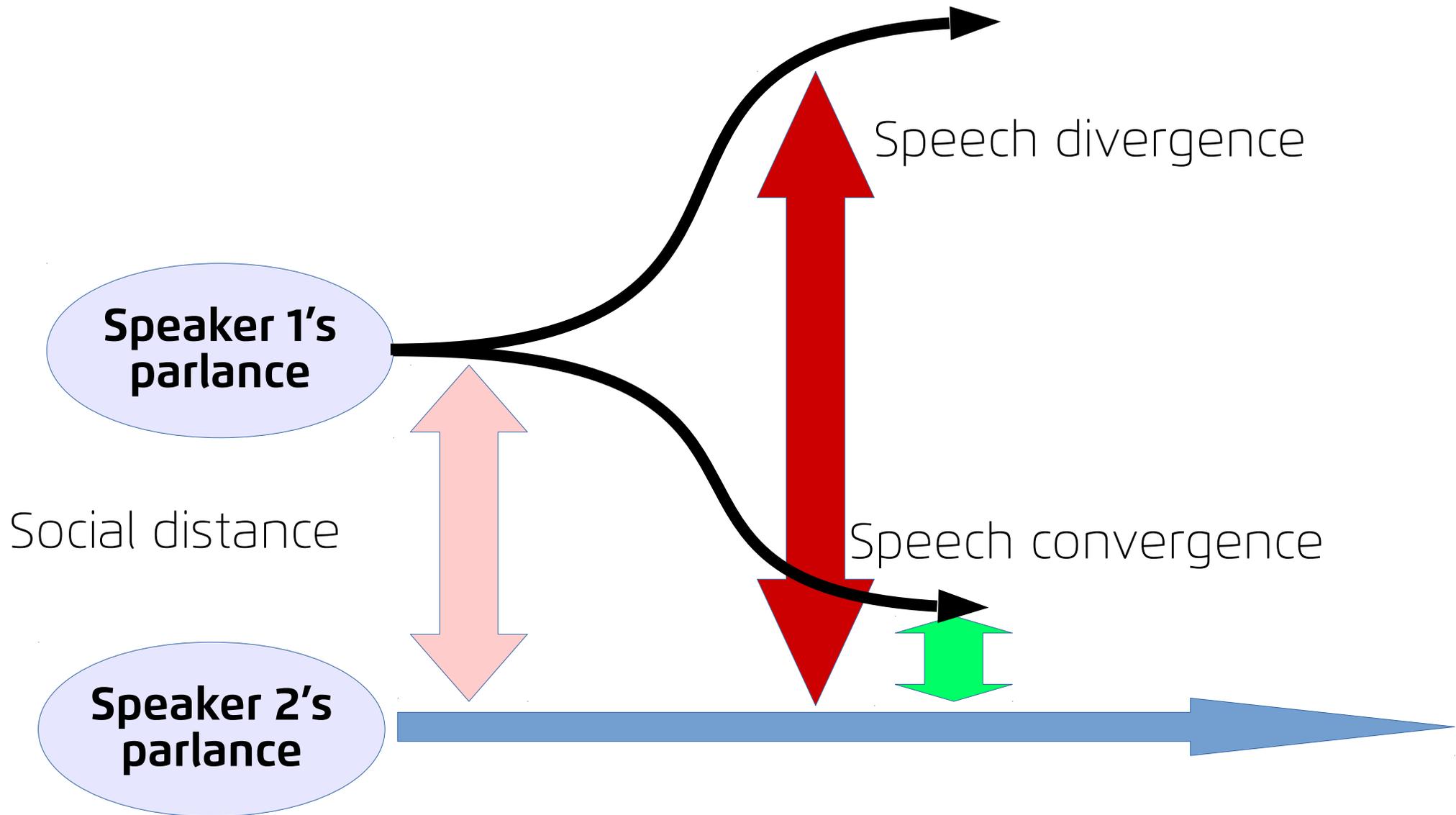
What English as a Lingua Franca?  
What pronunciation?  
What lexicon?  
What pragmatics?

# Interlanguage



# Communication Accommodation Theory

Howard Giles (1979)



# Bernstein's codes

In the 1970s the sociologist Basil Bernstein introduced the distinction between restricted code and elaborated code.

The restricted code would be: less complex and accurate, used in informal situations, and would have an abundance of tag questions (“... , isn't it? ... , don't you?”) and gestures.

more context-dependent

The elaborated code would be: characterized by more complex syntax, used in formal situations, and more accurate.

more context-independent

Two elementary school students describe their desks to the researcher:

STUDENT A: Our desks look like those in my sister's school.

STUDENT B: Our desks are square and with a side of 3 feet.

Who is using a restricted code and who an elaborated one?

# Formal Vs Informal

Formal Style	Informal Style
????????????	Use of contracted forms. <i>y'all; I'm; they've; it's; she won't</i>
????????????	Dropping of the subject and of the auxiliary verb, e.g. <i>Been there, done that.</i>
Wordy	????????????
Redundant.	????????????
????????????	Use of abbreviations <i>TV, pc, HD, ok;</i> also in written texts like chat, sms, forum, social networks: <i>lol, btw, ttyl, asap.</i>
Elaborate vocabulary choices.	????????????

# How technical is the vid?

Look at this vid.

What is the level of technicality of this vid? Why?  
What linguistic items support our perception of its technicality?  
And what features lower it?

**A poem**

by

Robert Frost

*(Mountain Interval, 1916)*

# ***The road not taken***

## **by Robert Frost**

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveler, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth;  
    Then took the other, as just as fair  
    And having perhaps the better claim,  
    Because it was grassy and wanted wear;  
    Though as for that, the passing there  
    Had worn them really about the same,  
And both that morning equally lay  
In leaves no step had trodden black  
Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,  
I doubted if I should ever come back.  
    I shall be telling this with a sigh  
    Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
    two roads diverged in a wood, and I –  
    I took the one less traveled by,  
    And that has made all the difference.

# Result Step 1

Two roads diverged in a yellow <b>wood</b> ,	A
And sorry I could not travel <b>both</b>	B
And be one traveler, long I <b>stood</b>	A
And looked down one as far as I <b>could</b>	A
To where it bent in the under <b>growth</b> ;	B
Then took the other, as just as <b>fair</b>	C
And having perhaps the better <b>claim</b> ,	D
Because it was grassy and wanted <b>wear</b> ;	C
Though as for that, the passing <b>there</b>	C
Had worn them really about the <b>same</b> ,	D
And both that morning equally <b>lay</b>	E
In leaves no step had trodden <b>black</b>	F
Oh, I kept the first for another <b>day</b> !	E
Yet knowing how way leads on to <b>way</b> ,	E
I doubted if I should ever come <b>back</b> .	F
I shall be telling this with a <b>sigh</b>	G
Somewhere ages and ages <b>hence</b> :	H
two roads diverged in a wood, and <b>I</b> -	G
I took the one less traveled <b>by</b> ,	G
And that has made all the differ <b>ence</b> .	H

# Result Step 2

Two roads **diverged** in a **yellow wood**,  
And **sorry** I could not **travel both**  
And be one **traveler**, long I **stood**  
And looked down one as far as I **could**  
To where it bent in the **undergrowth**;  
Then took the **other**, as just as **fair**  
And **having perhaps** the **better claim**,  
**Because** it was **grassy** and **wanted wear**;  
Though as for that, the **passing there**  
Had worn them **really about the same**,  
And both that **morning** equally **lay**  
In leaves no step had **trodden black**  
Oh, I kept the first for an **other day**!  
Yet **knowing** how way leads on to **way**,  
I **doubted** if I should ever come **back**.  
I shall be **telling** this with a **sigh**  
**Some**where **ages** and **ages hence**:  
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# Prosody: Step 3

3) Look at the following two verses:

*And **having perhaps the better claim,**  
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Can you see the pattern?

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   /    /    /    /

Each underscore and each slash should be replaced by one single syllable. So,    / is an iamb, and the verses are iambic tetrameters. But metrics, especially the modern one, is not always perfect. Anyway, you can pronounce the words in a way that can make the metrics work and imagine some pauses. Read aloud and mark the monosyllables, pursuing a compromise between the pattern and the way you would normally pronounce the statements.

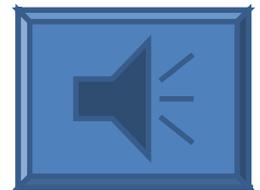
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And **having** perhaps the **better claim**,  
**Because** it was **grassy** and **wanted wear**;  
Though **as** for **that**, the **passing there**  
Had **worn** them **really** **about** the **same**,  
And **both** that **morning** **equally** **lay**  
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# A ballade

Two **roads** diverged in a **yellow wood**,  
And **sorry** I **could** not **travel both**  
And **be** one **traveler**, **long** I **stood**  
And **looked** down **one** as **far** as I **could**  
To **where** it **bent** in the **undergrowth**; (twice)  
    Then **took** the **other**, as **just** as **fair**  
    And **having** perhaps the **better claim**,  
    **Because** it was **grassy** and **wanted wear**;  
    Though **as** for **that**, the **passing there**  
    Had **worn** them **really** **about** the **same**, (twice)  
And **both** that **morning** equally **lay**  
In **leaves** no **step** had **trodden black**  
Oh, I **kept** the **first** for another **day**!  
Yet **knowing** **how** way **leads** on to **way**,  
I **doubted** if I should **ever** come **back**. (twice)  
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    **Some**where **ages** and **ages hence**:  
    two **roads** diverged in a **wood**, and I –  
    I **took** the **one** less **traveled by**,  
    And **that** has **made** all the **difference**. (twice)

How many



# A non-ballade

Two **roads** -----diverged -----in a **yellow wood**,  
And **sorry** -----I **could** not **travel both**>>  
And **be** ONE-- **traveler**-- **LONG** I **stood**>>  
And **looked** down **ONE**-- as **far** as I **could**>>  
To **where** it **bent** in the **undergrowth**;  
    Then-- **took** the **other**-- as **just** as **fair**>  
    And **having** perhaps-- the **better claim**,  
    **Because** it was **grassy** and **wanted wear**;  
    Though **as**-- for **that**-- the **passing there**>>  
    Had **worn** them **really about** the **same**,  
And **both** that **morning** equally **lay**  
In **leaves** no **step** had **trodden black**  
Oh, -- I **kept** the **first**-- for another **day**!  
Yet-- **knowing how** way **leads** on to **way**,>  
I **doubted** if I-- should **ever** come **back**.  
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