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### **Phonetic Features of American English Dialects**

We live in a century of information technologies which are present in all areas of a person's activity. Thanks to modern video chat services, it has become easier to practice audition and oral speech, which makes it more important to research phonetic peculiarities of different languages and dialects.

Phonetic features of the African American dialect are as follows:

- [r] is dropped when not followed by a vowel;
- [ð] can be pronounced as [d];
- [ŋ] in -ing is pronounced as [n] [1].

Phonetic features of the Boston dialect are as follows:

- [r] does not appear after the nucleus;
- [θ] and [ð] are pronounced as [t̪] and [d̪], respectively;
- [u:] may be diphthongized [3].

Phonetic features of the Pacific Northwest dialect are as follows:

- this dialect is rhotic;
- [ɛ] can be pronounced as [ɪ];
- [æ] is pronounced as [e] before [ŋ] [2].

Knowing phonetic features of American English dialects can facilitate the process of cross-cultural interaction with inhabitants of different parts of the United States of America.

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