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Linguistic Peculiarities of Australian English Speech Etiquette

“English is a polycentric language in the sense that there are centers in states to which Britons moved and became the dominant group, in North America, Australia, and New Zealand” [3]. Australian English (AuE) is often referred to as being similar to British English (BrE). However, it has its own linguistic features, some of which can be found in etiquette units:

- g'day (a contracted form of good day) is still used in AuE when greeting someone in an informal way, whereas in BrE the phrase good day is used to express “good wishes on meeting or parting during the day” and considered old-fashioned [2, 5];
- hooray, which is used to express joy or approval in BrE (“This book has won all sorts of prizes. Hooray!”), changed its meaning to goodbye in AuE (“Hooray George, promise you’ll come back.”) [5];
- no worries is not only “used to tell someone that a situation is acceptable, even if something has gone wrong” (“Oh, I’m sorry I got your name wrong!” “No worries”); its meaning extended to refer to you’re welcome in AuE (“Thanks for buying me that concert ticket.” “No worries.”) [2, 4];
- she’s apples (an elliptical construction originating from the rhyming slang expression apples and spice for nice) is informally “used to indicate that everything is in good order and there is nothing to worry about” in AuE: “Is the fire safe?” “Yeah, she’s apples.” [1, 5].

Thus we can conclude that Australian English etiquette units have different linguistic peculiarities.

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