

## 11. Welsh accent    Scottish English    Geordie    Brummie

- **Listen to the recording**

- **Vocabulary:**

**Reduplication is the repetition, or near-repetition, of a word or sound. Match the words with their meaning:**

1. sing-song (J)	j) a regular and monotonous rising and falling intonation
2. goody-goody (N)	n) a person who tries to please someone in order to gain a personal advantage
3. flip-flops (L)	l) a backless, often foam rubber sandal held to the foot at the big toe
4. helter-skelter (G)	g) chaotic, confused, disordered
5. lovey-dovey (F)	f) an excessive or ostentatious display of affection
6. bling-bling (E)	e) fancy jewellery, especially chains and the like that sparkle or tinkle when in motion
7. super-duper (D)	d) excellent; awesome; fantastic.
8. jiggery-pokery (I)	i) dishonest or deceitful behaviour or business; trickery
9. willy-nilly(O)	o) do something whether you want to or not (shortened form of 'willing or not willing')
10. cray-cray (A)	a) crazy, mad
11. hip-hop (M)	m) a style of music usually based on rap
12. teeny-weeny (C)	c) extremely small
13. riff-raff (K)	k) people regarded as disreputable or worthless
14. okey-dokey (B)	b) another term for OK
15. mish-mash (H)	h) a collection or mixture of unrelated things

- **Listening comprehension:**

1. T/F/NG: The Welsh accent is one of the easiest to understand in the British Isles.
2. T/F/NG: Younger Scots are no longer pronouncing the "R" in words as forcefully as older generations.
3. T/F/NG: The broad Geordie accent shares some features with other accents in the UK
4. T/F/NG: "Geordie" refers both to a native of Newcastle-upon-Tyne and to the speech of the inhabitants of that city
5. T/F/NG: Many people don't like the Birmingham accent.

### Welsh accent

Most often described as "musical", "melodic" or "sing-song", the varieties of English spoken in Wales gained their unique intonation and rhythm from the Welsh language.

### Scottish English

Scottish accents rank high on the "most recognisable" list. They're also among the most closely studied, one report claimed that the characteristic rolled "R" of Scottish English was dying out among younger speakers. However, other studies have placed the accent among the most robust in the British Isles.

### Geordie

Newcastle is home to the most idiosyncratic of all English accents, and the **trickiest for** outsiders to understand. Linguists believe that Geordie pronunciations echo those of the Anglo-Saxon language spoken in the North East **1,000 years ago**.

### Brummie

No accent has been treated as unfairly as that of England's second city. One survey claimed that speaking with a Birmingham accent was less attractive than staying silent. There are a lot of other accents that are close to Birmingham and can seem similar to the untrained ear (for example, just 31 miles away from Birmingham, people may have a Coventry accent).