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# Sociolinguistics: The Study of Language in Society

Key Stage 4

English Language

**Model Answers**

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# Resource One

## Model Answers



- Answers**
1. I can identify 3 varieties of language. Standard formal English, the variety of English language that is used as the national norm in an English-speaking country, especially for public and formal usage; Cockney, the informal dialect and accent that is typical of cockneys, East London natives; modern slang – mobile phone and internet speak, informal settings, used by young people.
  2. A few examples: Cockney is becoming a thing of the past. Used by the older working class. Modern slang is better understood and is becoming more popular especially among the youth. Standard English is the language used to convey serious facts. The author refers to the quiz, research etc. to give weight to the content of the article, but no verifiable evidence is provided to support the findings discussed.
  3. Example: The article confirms what I already thought. I don't really understand Cockney, just a few words

# Resource Two

## Model Answers



- Answers**
1. The author wants to communicate the idea that his childhood village and life were idyllic, and that this beautiful equilibrium was disrupted when he went to school and had to study in English. He is successful because the tone that he uses changes radically when he starts describing the English medium school. Using negative words like 'humiliation', 'stupid' etc., he conveys the idea that the harmony he lived in was broken. He uses similes, metaphors, imagery... he mentions colours, landscapes, sensations.

# Resource Three

## Model Answers



- Answers**
1. The student can select sections from Hitler's speech that convey a sense of fear, that communicate the idea that the war is inevitable etc. In Obama's speech, I suggest selecting the sections that evoke 'the American dream', working hard and being rewarded, and hope. These extracts target with human emotions that the audience certainly connected with.
  2. See above.
  3. Advertising is one of them.
  4. Rap lyrics: rhyme, rhythm, repetition (300... 300) etc

# Resource Four

## Model Answers



- Answers**
1. The articles are written like a simple narration, using basic English vocabulary.
  2. The author probably chose to do this to reinforce the idea that these stories are 'from the horse's mouth', that they are real life stories, which makes them more convincing.
  3. No, in the other articles, the style is professional, and the authors distance themselves from the stories.

# Resource Five

## Model Answers



- Answers**
1. Patois and Standard English. Patois is informal and originates from Jamaica, has different grammatical and syntactic structures, spelling etc.
  2. For example, the author only uses Patois when the man speaks to the woman, but never for narration. She switches from one to the other to give the readers clues about the characters' personalities, what is important to them (for example).
  3. It is very important to Hortense that people acknowledge that her English is good, proper, standard

# Resource Six Model Answers



- Answers**
1. Follow the list of 10 tips – they will help you analyse the text that you will choose. There is no right or wrong answer at this stage, the point being to start thinking about discourse and how it is used and starts discerning what is being said beyond the obvious.

# Final Reflection Model Answers



**Guidance** Collaborative peer work is recommended here under the teacher's guidance and following the guideline provided in the pack.





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