

# Transport and dialect

In different parts of the country people use 'dialect' words and expressions, special to their area. A dialect is a way of speaking the language which is special to a particular place or ethnic group.

Drug

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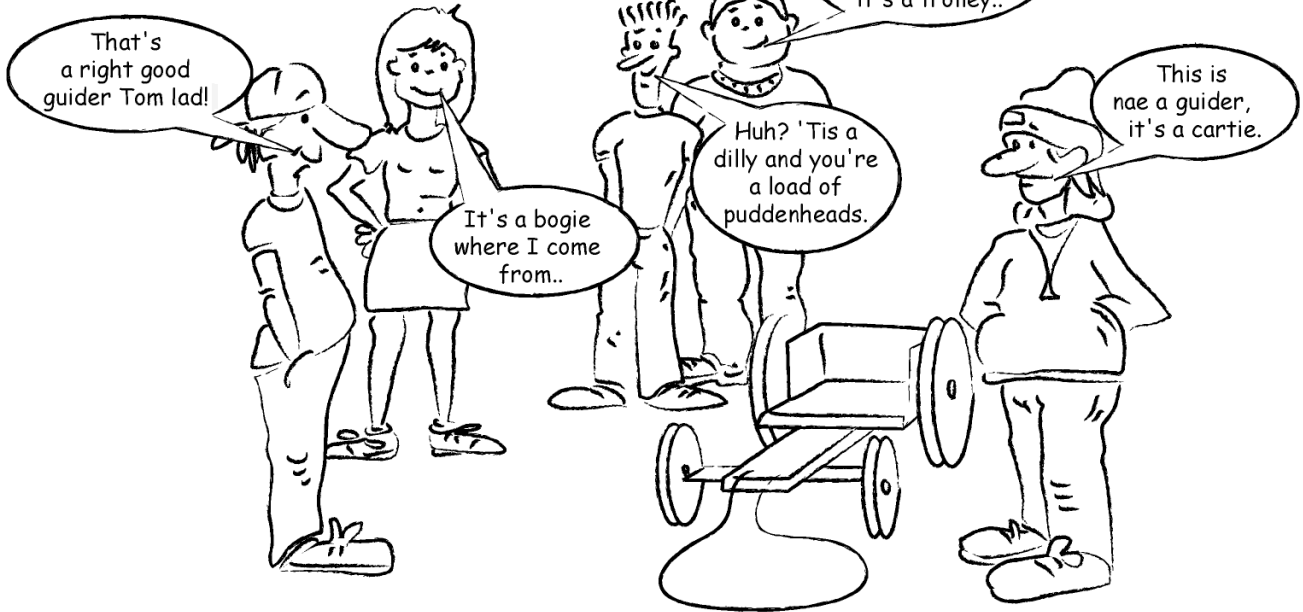
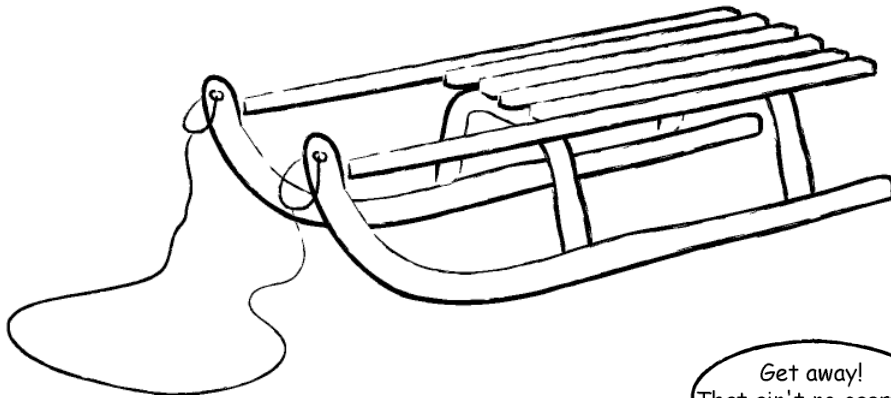
Sledge

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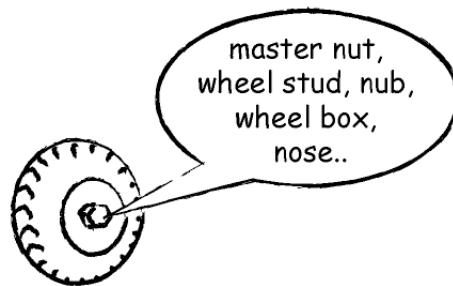
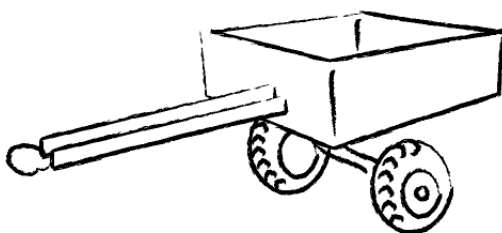


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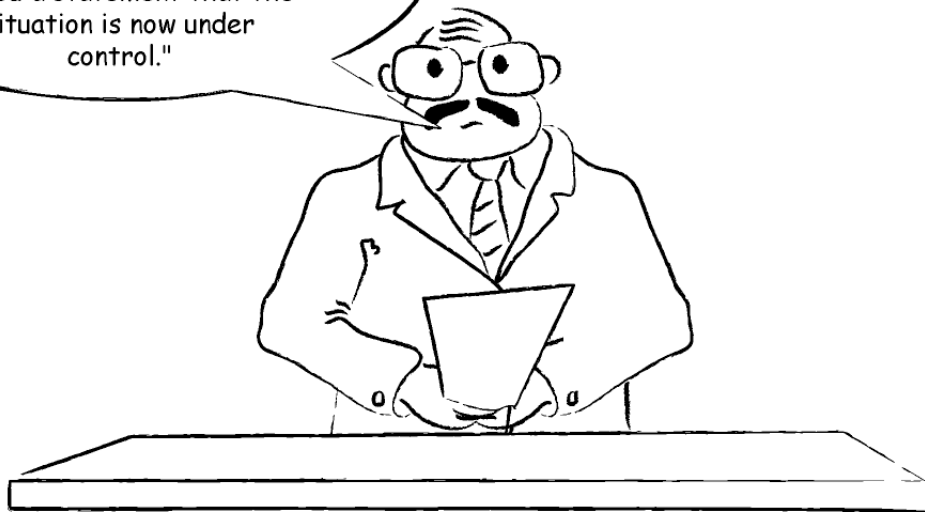
Tug

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Jim

Carrycart

"Angry rail travellers complained today about delays in services. Snow is blocking the lines on many commuter routes into London. British Rail has issued a statement that the situation is now under control."



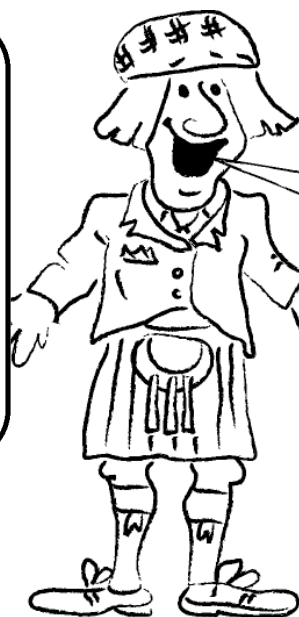
You may have a dialect in your area, or you may know people who speak in different dialects. We are lucky that there are many interesting dialects in the English language. People are often proud of the special dialect which belongs to their background.

We do not usually write in local or ethnic dialects. It is important that written English should be easy for all English speakers to read and understand, no matter where they come from. For this reason, there is one English dialect which should normally be used for written English. It is called 'Standard English'.

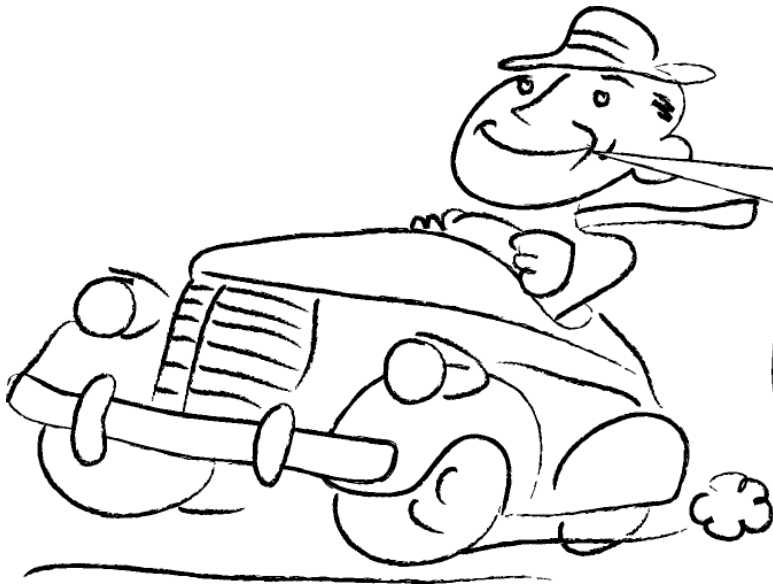
Many people speak in a Standard English dialect too. The newsreaders on TV and radio always speak Standard English, so that everyone can understand, all over the country.

You can speak Standard English in any accent at all. It doesn't have to be spoken in a 'posh' voice!

Standard English is the dialect of English used for writing. However, local or ethnic dialects are sometimes used in poems, rhymes and songs, like these two from different parts of Scotland:



Oh, yee cannae shove yer granny aff a bus,  
Oh, yee cannae shove yer granny aff a bus,  
Oh yee cannae shove yer granny,  
For she's yer mammy's mammy,  
Oh yee cannae shove yer granny aff a bus!



"In ma wee red motor  
I can gang for miles -  
Up and doon the garden,  
Through the lobby whiles.  
Mony another motor  
Gangs to toons afar -  
None can gang where I gang  
In ma wee red car!"