

# British English Quiz Time

## Ex.1 Vocabulary and Speaking

What do the following words mean:

aye up  
lass  
lad  
how do  
tar  
aye  
or:

nowt  
owt  
mate  
alright  
sup  
et

me  
chippy  
pants  
were

You know what thought did, it followed a muck cart and thought it were a wedding.

## Ex.2 Comprehension

Read the statements below and decide whether they are true or false. Work in pairs.

1. Northern England was a Viking state.
2. Northern English has many old English words.
3. The Northern English "U" is specific to The North of England.
4. RP is the original accent of the South.
5. Ay up means hallo and shows surprise.
6. In the time of the Romans everybody in England was from Germany.
7. The North of England is industrial.
8. Everybody in the North calls trousers 'pants'.
9. Owt and nowt are Scandinavian words.
10. Lass is Saxon for 'woman'.
11. Northern English vowels come from Old English.
12. One hundred years ago Yorkshire fishermen could communicate with Danish.
13. The dialects are strong.
14. The Queen speaks with a slight Northern English accent when not on TV.
15. Prince William speaks with a Scottish accent as he studied at St. Andrews University.

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### Teacher's Notes

Before you give students the handout, you may also ask them to do the following in pairs or groups of three:

#### **Writing and Speaking**

Write 3 sentences about any interesting facts you remember from the workshop. Then get into pairs and show each other what you have written.

#### **Writing and Speaking.**

Write 5 interesting words or phrases used in the workshop. Then get into pairs and show each other what you have written.

#### **Ex.1 Vocabulary and Speaking Answers**

aye up - hallo

lass - woman

lad - man

how do - how are you

ta - thank you

aye - yes

nowt - nothing

owt - anything

mate - friend

alright - hi and ok

sup - drink

et - ate, eaten

me - my

chippy - fish and chip shop

pants - trousers

were - was

You know what thought did,  
it followed a muck cart and thought  
it were a wedding - you assumed

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## Ex.2 Comprehension Answers

Read the statements below and decide whether they are true or false. Work in pairs.

1. Northern England was a Viking state. True
2. Northern English has many old English words. True
3. The Northern English "U" is specific to The North of England. False, it's like the "U" in the normal phonetic European languages.
4. RP is the original accent of the South. False, it stands for 'received pronunciation' and was invented in the public school system a few hundred years ago.
5. Ay up means hallo and shows surprise. True
6. In the time of the Romans everybody in England was from Germany. False, everybody was Celtic.
7. The North of England is industrial. True
8. Everybody in the North calls trousers 'pants'. False, only Manchester, Liverpool and parts of West Yorkshire.
9. Owt and nowt are Scandinavian words. False, they are Saxon.
10. Lass is Saxon for 'woman'. False, it's Scandinavian.
11. Northern English vowels come from Old English. False, they come from Scandinavian.
12. One hundred years ago Yorkshire fishermen could communicate with Danish. True
13. The dialects are strong. False, they are dying out.
14. The Queen speaks with a slight Northern English accent when not on TV. False.
15. Prince William speaks with a Scottish accent as he studied at St. Andrews University. False.

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