

LITTLE BRITAIN: ACCENTS – LIVERPOOL

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In part 1 we finished with the Geordie accent, 'Whey aye, man' and 'Bonny Lass.' Now we're going over to Liverpool, which is the Scouse accent. Liverpool is a famous port city so for hundreds of years it has seen many people living there, so accent is very unique, as it's a blend of the working class Irish accent, northern Europe, being Scandinavian, and the midlands British accent! The Scouse accent is fairly tricky, as it's quite fast, but the main barrier is the slang of Liverpool.

For example, here some slang to make an easy sentence:

Me Bird - My Girlfriend

Scran - Food

'I'm taking me bird out later for some scran' - I'm going to bring my girlfriend out for dinner

The main difference between the Geordie and the Scouse accent is, with the Scouse we speak at the front of the mouth whereas the Geordie is at the back. Another definitive feature of the Scouse accent is the change in the 'th' sound from 'th' to 'da' for example:

Though - 'dough'

They - 'dey'

So to say: 'They do though, don't they though?' it would be 'Dey do dough, don't dey dough'

Try that guys! 'Dey do dough, don't dey dough', again, 'Dey do dough, don't dey dough'

Two of the most common words; 'Something' and 'Nothing' become 'Sut-on' and 'Not-on'

So; 'You don't get something for nothing' would become 'you don't get sut-on for not-on'

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