

se 25 [spr] Phonetics with Listening Practice (British)

Worksheet 01-01

Watch the video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=znmjnEMqHeg. Listen carefully for the name of the first player to take up his position. Watch the video again, and answer the following questions:

- 1. Have you seen these actors in other roles? If so, which?
- 2. Do you think they're speaking their native form of English in this video?
- 3. What form of English are they speaking?
- 4. Which sport are they apparently commentators for, and why is nothing happening?
- 5. The first words are *Glorious July afternoon*. Which syllables are stressed here? Which syllable is normally stressed in *July*?
- 6. The pair talk about a road and a village named /gɑː'bəʊldɪʃəm/. How might you spell that in normal orthography?
- 7. What symbol would you use to transcribe the vowel $\langle 0 \rangle$ in *they're getting off the bus*?
- 8. Does the dialect they are speaking have the LOT / CLOTH split? (Wikipedia is your friend.)
- 9. What is *Ovaltine*?
- 10. Where is *Cromer*, and why might you go there?
- 11. What, do you think, are *sticklebacks*?
- 12. *Wolseley* Motors Limited (1901–1975) was the largest car manufacturer in Britain in the 1920s, having already dominated the market in the Edwardian period. When was the Edwardian period, and who was it named after?
- 13. Who was *Elgar*?
- 14. What/where are the *South Downs*?
- 15. Do you think you would have enjoyed the company of *Mrs. Duckworth* and *Mrs. Howlett*?
- 16. Who was *Eric Bristow*? What sport was he famous for? What does *to step up to the oche* mean? (Note the spelling and pronunciation: <och>/'pki/.)