English Accents in *Derry Girls*

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DERRY ENGLISH: MICHELLE



- A variety of Mid Ulster English
- Fully rhotic (*divorced*, *cheeseburger*)
- Monophthongisation
 - FACE [e] (way [we])
 - GOAT, PONY, FORCE [o] (disco [dïsko])
 - HORSE [c] (horse [ho:us])
- $/\delta$, θ / are not dental stops (*through*, *thing*)
- Glottalisation of non-initial /t,/ (getting [gε?in] & total [to?əl])

ABOUT DERRY GIRLS

- Written and created by Lisa McGee
- Three seasons with six to seven episodes each
- Runtime from 2018 until 2022
- Main characters: Erin, Orla, Clare, Michelle and Michelle's cousin James
- Takes place in the 1990s in Derry, Northern Ireland, where all the girls grew up
- James grew up in England

ESTUARY ENGLISH: JAMES



- "Somewhere between" RP & Cockney
- Has the phoneme $/\Lambda/$ (cousin [kAsIN])
- 'Happy-tensing' (quickly [kwikli])
- Non-rhotic (sister [sɪstə]) —> 'linking /」/' (either of [iːðə」 pf])
- T-Glottaling (want anything [wpn ænι θιη], but: permitted [pəmītīd])
- Yod-Coalescence (student [st[u:dant]) & L-Vocalisation (*Michael* [maɪkəɔ])
- /h/-dropping in unstressed syllables (beside her [bi:saɪd ε:])
- no th-fronting (that [ðæt])

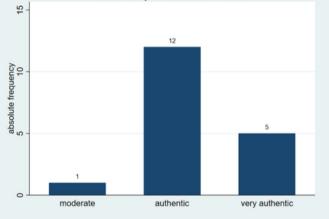
ABOUT THE SURVEY

- Conducted over the course of a week in July 2022
- Created with *survio* & distributed via WhatApp groups
- Ten guestions and a text box for comments at the end
- Questions about the age of the participant and their level of English
- As well as the questions to the right
- Eighteen people participated
- Mean age of 20
- Majority indicated C1/C2 as their level of English

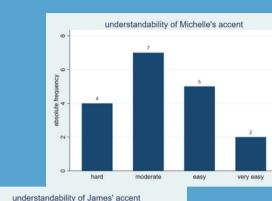
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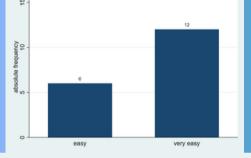


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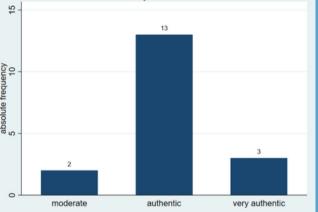








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