

Dialects in the British Isles: Past and Present

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Abstract: *This paper intends to observe the dialects spoken through time in England and, as for the present times, if these dialects are still existing, which of them are still spoken, which of them are forgotten. The research will be based on secondary data and will make use of corpus linguistic tools. The main objective is to see if British English dialects have been affected by the passage of time and other factors like immigration. First of all, we will use the historical method in order to create a guide to dialects spoken in Great Britain. Moreover, the descriptive method will be used for analyzing the present situation in which these dialects are to be found. This research's corpus will consist of works on language history and media articles. The media articles that I have chosen are discussing the disappearance of some dialects and even the unification of language. After these steps are taken, we will analyze the results from the literature review based on the historical and descriptive methods.*

Key words: British English dialects; Historical method; Descriptive method; Past vs. Present situation; Online newspapers.

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