

Cockney

Cockney is a traditional working-class accent from London, especially from the East End. It has a strong identity and is famous for its unique pronunciation and *rhyming slang*. People with a Cockney accent often drop the *h* at the beginning of words, so "house" sounds like "ouse." They also **30** _____ *th* with *f* or *v*, so "think" sounds like "fink" and "brother" sounds like "bruvver."

One of the most interesting parts of Cockney is its *rhyming slang*. This means that people use phrases that rhyme with the real word. For example, **31** _____ saying "stairs," a Cockney might say "apples and pears." Sometimes, they shorten it, so "apples" alone means "stairs." Other examples **32** _____ "trouble and strife" for "wife" and "dog and bone" for "phone."

Cockney is strongly connected to London's history. In the past, people thought of it as a lower-class accent, but today, many people **33** _____ it as an important part of London's culture. **34** _____ famous Cockneys are actor Michael Caine and musician David Bowie.

35 _____ Cockney is less common today because of the influence of other accents, some elements, like rhyming slang, still survive. Whether you hear it in old movies or on the streets of East London, Cockney **36** _____ a fascinating part of English language history!

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- 1) instead
- 2) instead of
- 3) rather
- 4) as for