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LING 200 Handout—Linguistic variation
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1. How do you pronounce the vowel in *aunt*?
 - a. [a] as in “ah”
 - b. [æ] as in “ant”

2. How do you pronounce *caramel*?
 - a. with 2 syllables (“car-ml”)
 - b. with 3 syllables (“care-a-mel”)
 - c. I use both interchangeably

3. How do you pronounce the vowel in *creek* (a small body of running water)?
 - a. [i] as in “see”
 - b. [ɪ] as in “sit”

4. How do you pronounce the first vowel in *lawyer*?
 - a. with [ɔɪ] as in “boy” (“loyer”)
 - b. with [ɒ] as in “saw” (“law-yer”)

5. How do you pronounce the first vowel in *coupon*?
 - a. [u] as in “coop”
 - b. [ju] as in “cute”
 - c. other _____

6. How do you pronounce the second vowel in *pajamas*?
 - a. [æ] as in “jam”
 - b. [a] as in “father”
 - c. either

7. Do you pronounce “cot” and “caught” the same or differently?
 - a. differently
 - b. the same

8. Do you pronounce “pin” and “pen” the same or differently?
 - a. differently
 - b. the same

9. How do you pronounce Mary/merry/marry?
 - a. all 3 are the same
 - b. all 3 are different
 - c. Mary and merry are the same; marry is different
 - d. merry and marry are the same; Mary is different
 - e. Mary and marry are the same; merry is different

10. How do you pronounce insurance?
 - a. INsurance (stress on the first syllable)
 - b. inSURance (stress on the second syllable)
 - c. I can stress either the first or second syllable

11. What word(s) do you use to address a group of two or more people?
 - a. you all
 - b. yous, youse
 - c. you guys
 - d. you
 - e. y'all
 - f. other _____

12. What do you call a long sandwich that contains cold cuts, cheese, veggies, etc.?
 - a. sub
 - b. grinder
 - c. hoagie
 - d. hero
 - e. poor boy
 - f. other _____

13. What do you call the little grey creature that rolls up into a ball when you touch it?
 - a. pill bug
 - b. doodle bug
 - c. potato bug
 - d. roly poly
 - e. sow bug
 - f. other _____

14. Which word do you use for the small road parallel to the highway?
 - a. frontage road
 - b. service road
 - c. access road
 - d. feeder
 - e. other _____

15. What is your generic term for a sweetened carbonated beverage?
 - a. soda
 - b. pop
 - c. coke
 - d. tonic
 - e. soft drink
 - f. cocola
 - g. other _____

16. What do you call that insect that looks like a big mosquito?
 - a. crane fly
 - b. jimmy spinner
 - c. mosquito hawk
 - d. other _____