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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 \_\_\_\_\_