

Answers to Pause and Reflect Boxes for Chapter 9 Sociolinguistics

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Pause and Reflect 9.1

Age, sex, social class, level of education, first language, and region are just a few examples.

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spatula/flipper; *tap/faucet*; and *strainer/colander* are just a few examples.

Pause and Reflect 9.3

People who use the words *chesterfield* and *davenport* may likely be older than 65 and from Canada or the United States, respectively.

Pause and Reflect 9.4

According to the rules of standard English, the standard form is *between you and me* since *me* is an object of the preposition *between*. Why then do many speakers use *between you and I*, even in careful speech? This is no doubt because they have been warned against the use of *me* in non-standard context, such as in subject position as in *me and him are gonna leave*. The difference between subject and object is at the centre of the distinction.

Pause and Reflect 9.5

Answers will vary but Cockney (east London) may be viewed negatively whereas Received Pronunciation may be viewed positively.

Pause and Reflect 9.6

Answers will vary (e.g.: The States, America); the use of *America* by Canadians and British speakers is fairly recent, but seems to have gained ground over the last decade.

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Answers will vary according to individuals (e.g., siblings, friends, colleagues, professionals, etc.).

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Answers will vary but one example could be *Men aren't from Mars, They're just from a Different Part of Venus than Women*.

Pause and Reflect 9.9

Negative changes might involve cost associated with reprinting of documents; positive effects are that it will be more inclusive and more representative of the entire population.

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This is because we are often judged by our education level, which is related to our knowledge of the standard use of language. Using more standard variants when speaking is a reflection of our desire to be judged positively by others.

Pause and Reflect 9.11

It would be most common in “The last person” since it is more common before a consonant (the “p” of “person”), than before a vowel. It wouldn’t happen at all in the word “ten”.

Pause and Reflect 9.12

A few things could be to create legislation to mandate its usage in public spaces (e.g., work, schools, etc.) and to create dictionaries and literature to increase its prestige.

Pause and Reflect 9.13

Answers may vary; the justification is to ensure the use of French in public and economic activities.

Pause and Reflect 9.14

No, it is pronounced in an English manner and only exists in this very narrow context (of a particular tune used to wake soldiers up).

Pause and Reflect 9.15

Answers will vary (e.g., *Da behbeh* = *The baby*).