

Codes of Speech Example 1 – My Pet

Standard English

I have a small dog called Ruff. He is a mixed-breed with fluffy, brown hair. Ruff is often naughty. He steals slippers and bits of clothing. He often chews these up or runs away and hides them.

Local Speak

I 'av' a small dog. 'Is name's Ruff an' 'e is a mix wi' fluffy, brown 'air. Our Ruff's norty an' 'e steals slippers an' stuff. 'E chews 'em up or 'ides them in't garden.

Dialect

Sithee – us 'as a 'ickle dog. 'Ees Ruff an' 'ees mixt wit' brown locks. Us Ruff's fair wick an' 'e nicks us stuff.

Suave Speak

Our family pet is named Ruff. He is an adorable little cross-breed with shaggy, brown fur and huge amber eyes. Mischief is his middle name and he frequently steals our personal possessions and destroys them or spirits them away to who knows where!

Codes of Speech Example 2 – My Hobby

Standard English

My hobby is running. I go for runs with my friends and with my father. We run round the park or along the lane by the railway. I like running because it makes me fit.

Local Speak

Me 'obby's runnin'. I go fer runs wit' me friends an' me dad. We run round't park or dahn't lane by't railway. It meks me fit.

Dialect

Us 'obby's runnin'. Us goes wit' me mates an me da'. Us goes rown't park an' dahn't snicket by't train track thar knows.

Suave Speak

I have many hobbies, but my preferred pastime is probably running. My friends, my father, and I frequently run round the local park or along the leafy lane beside the rail track. Running relaxes me and also makes me fit, it is a wonderful hobby.

Codes of Speech Example 3 – My Favourite Food

Standard English

My favourite food is a cheeseburger. If mum gives me a choice, I like to go to the burger bar and have a cheeseburger with chips and a milkshake. I eat them really quickly because they are delicious.

Local Speak

Me best food's a cheese burger. I luvs it when mum teks me ter 't'burger bar. I 'av' a burger an' chips an' I fair wolf 'em down 'cos they're smashin'.

Dialect

Ay'oop. Me bessie nosh is't burger 'n' fries when't mam teks us ter't burger bar. Them's lush an' ah scoffs 'em dahn.

Suave Speak

Normally, I choose to eat healthily, enjoying salads and pasta, however I do have a secret weakness and that is a cheeseburger. The ultimate burger for me is made by my parents when they light the barbecue. I like the thick meat patties my mother makes, smothered in cheese with lettuce and tomato slices. Juices dribble down my chin as I devour this secret sin.