

Colloquial American English: grammatical features

1. What makes a construction socially and stylistically diagnostic?
2. What makes a construction regionally restricted?
3. What is an example of divorcing grammar from pronunciation?
4. What is an example of vernacular verb usage?
5. What is an example of nonstandard subject-verb concord?
6. What is an example of the inversion of auxiliary verb and subject in indirect questions?
7. What is an example of multiple negation?
8. How would you say *most pretty* and *awfulest lookin*?
9. How would you say *theirselves* and *them pliers*?
10. How would you say 'That dog there's the one what wet on the carpet'?
11. How do the dialect regions shown in Map 1, p. 229, differ from the regions in Ash's maps?
12. What is the negative evidence that defines the grammar of the Inland Northern region?
13. What are 5 defining features of North Midland grammar?
14. What are 5 defining features of South Midland grammar?