

Re: Is this a glottal stop?

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On Sat, 31 Jul 2004 01:45:56 GMT, "Rex F. May" <rex.may@comcast.net> wrote:

>in article 410AF2C0.3563@worldnet.att.net, Peter T. Daniels at
>grammatim@worldnet.att.net wrote on 7/30/04 7:15 PM:

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>> *Mxsmanic* wrote:

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>>> *Greg Lee* writes:

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>>>> *Yes. Two vowels next to each other, especially similar vowels, makes*

>>>> *a difficulty in articulation or perception. When "the" is /Di/, the*

>>>> *phonetic off-glide [y] of the /i/ separates the vowel of "the" from*

>>>> *the first vowel of "underground". When "the" is /D@/, since /@/ doesn't*

>>>> *have a glide, a glottal stop can be stuck in to separate the vowels.*

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>>> *Should I transcribe the glottal stop (keeping in mind that I'm*

>>> *transcribing for illustrations that I use for ESL students)?*

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>> *You should teach them Standard English, rather than Chicago dialect. In*

>> *Standard English, "the" is /Diy/ before a vowel, /D@/ before a*

>> *consonant.*

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>*Really? Standard English as spoken where?*

Come off it! Any FL teacher knows you have to choose a national standard, simply because it has the widest currency.

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