

Re: History of French

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> *Learning English in a non-rhotic English speaking country is a nightmare
> for anybody.*

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> *I remember the feeling of relief when after three months into learning
> English I joined a two week computer programming course given by
> a rhotic Scotsman. What a joy, half the time I could actually find the
> words he used and which I couldn't understand in a dictionary.*

I used to wonder if this were also the case for some learning Spanish in South American countries that drop off the final "s" on just about every word, as far as I could tell. Even "tres" is "tre". But now that my Mexican Spanish, which doesn't drop the "s", is just about at the advanced level, it's not a problem for me. Or at least listening to Don Francisco, from Chile, on the TV show, Sábado Gigante.

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