

Re: Speaking without a foreign accent

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Peter T. Daniels writes:

> *It does if the speakers can tell which word was intended, but I don't*
> *know that they can.*

It's unlikely that such a difference would be required, since the two words are unlikely to form minimal pairs themselves in complete utterances (given their dramatically different meanings and uses).

In other words, it's hard to think of two meaningful and plausible sentences that differ only in the presence of "ladder" in place of "latter."

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