

Re: Emergence of tone in 'non-tone' languages

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sanlosinst@xxxxxxxxxxx wrote:

- > Estuary English is a group of English lects in England, based on the
- > lower-class speech of London, spreading ever further from London with
- > each passing year. It carries a strong element of social semiotic as a
- > badge of lower-class status, but more than this it implies that the
- > speaker is a 'sharp' modern city person and not some backward yokel.

OTOH, in the absence of other indicators of sharp modernity, the "hopeless chav" bell might ring for some.

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• *References:*

- ◆ [*Emergence of tone in 'non-tone' languages*](#)
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