

**The Linguistics 113 Survey of Massachusetts Speech  
Part Two: Pronunciation**

**Instructions**

The purpose of this survey is to investigate what speakers from all areas of Massachusetts report about (i) the presence of certain dialect features in their own speech, (ii) the variation they may show in the use of these dialect features, and (iii) opinions they may or may not have regarding these dialect features.

**Steps you need to take:**

**For each of the three informants that you will consult:**

- Make sure that they have been brought up in Massachusetts and that English is their mother tongue.
- Go through the questionnaire. Put in your name, and their initials. Go through the questions in order. You might need to explain to them what we mean by r-dropping, or have them pronounce the words in the later part of the survey and listen whether the vowel is the same or not.
- Give yourself enough time to collect the data.
- Enter your results into WebCT. There will be three surveys on WebCT for you, one for each speaker. That is, for your first informant, fill out *Survey of Massachusetts Speech, Part Two. First Speaker* under *Surveys* in WebCT, for the second informant fill out *Survey of Massachusetts Speech, Part Two. Second Speaker*, etc.

We need your results to be **on WebCT by next Thursday (October 13) at 6pm.**

If you encounter any problems, or have questions, let us know immediately ([selkirk@linguist.umass.edu](mailto:selkirk@linguist.umass.edu), or [jan@linguist.umass.edu](mailto:jan@linguist.umass.edu)).

*Have fun with this project – we're looking forward to seeing your results!*