

AFFIRMING LANGUAGE
VARIATION IN A STANDARD
ENGLISH CLASSROOM

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Demonstrating.

Foot it out back'ards an' toe yore twitchet.

The women crowd around Lampito.

KLEONIKE

What unbelievably beautiful bosoms!

LAMPITO

Shuckins,
whut fer you tweedlin' me up so? I feel like a heifer
come fair-time.

LYSISTRATA

Turning to Ismenia.

And who is this young lady here?

LAMPITO

Her kin's purt-near the bluebloodiest folk in Thebes—
the First Fam'lies of Boiotia.

LYSISTRATA

*As they inspect Ismenia.*Ah, picturesque Boiotia:
her verdant meadows, her fruited plain . . .

KLEONIKE

*Peering more closely.*Her sunken
garden where no grass grows. A cultivated country.

LYSISTRATA

*Gaping at the gawking Korinthian.*And who is *this*—er—little thing?

LAMPITO

She hails
from over by Korinth, but her kinfolk's quality—mighty
big back there.

KLEONIKE

*On her tour of inspection.*She's mighty big back *here*.

LAMPITO

The womenfolk's all assembled. Who-all's notion
was this-hyer confabulation?

LYSISTRATA

Mine.

LAMPITO

*Git on with the give-out.**I'm hankerin' to hear.*

MYRRHINE

Me, too! I can't imagine
what could be so important. Tell us about it!

LYSISTRATA

Right away.

—But first, a question. It's not
an involved one. Answer yes or no.*A pause.*

MYRRHINE

Well, ASK it!

LYSISTRATA

It concerns the fathers of your children—your husbands,
absent on active service. I know you all have men
abroad.

—Wouldn't you like to have them home?

KLEONIKE

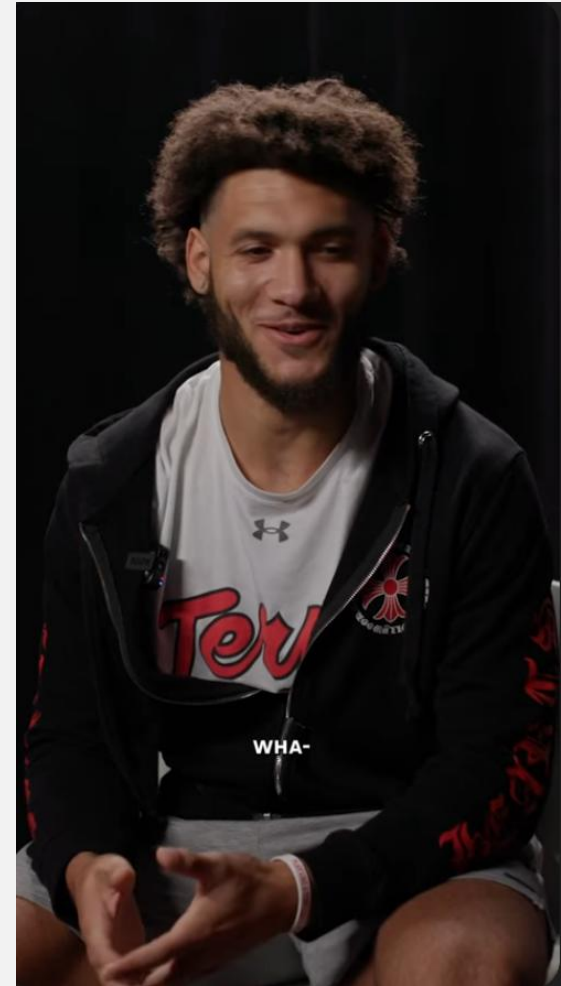
My husband's been gone for the last five months! Way up
to Thrace, watchdogging military waste.* It's horrible!

**No you may not
"Axe" me a question.**

I don't speak Walmart



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ERADICATION THEORY

“The aim of English education, [according to eradication theory], is to rid oneself of the stigma of those features by simply eradicating [unwanted linguistic] features.”

(Fasold and Shuy xi)

DIALECT

“All dialects are **systematic language varieties** that follow regular patterns of vocabulary choice, grammar, and pronunciation.”

(Center for Applied Linguistics)

STANDARD GRAMMAR

“[T]he search for a single standard grammar has been historically elusive.”

(Hudley and Mallinson 14)

“Many people also believe that there is only one correct form of a language, but in truth, no dialect is superior to another on linguistic grounds.”

(Center for Applied Linguistics)

“TAMMY’S STORY”



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