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*“ One of the main things about  
Cockney is, you speak at twice  
the speed as Americans.*

*Americans speak very slow.”*

*(Michael Caine)*

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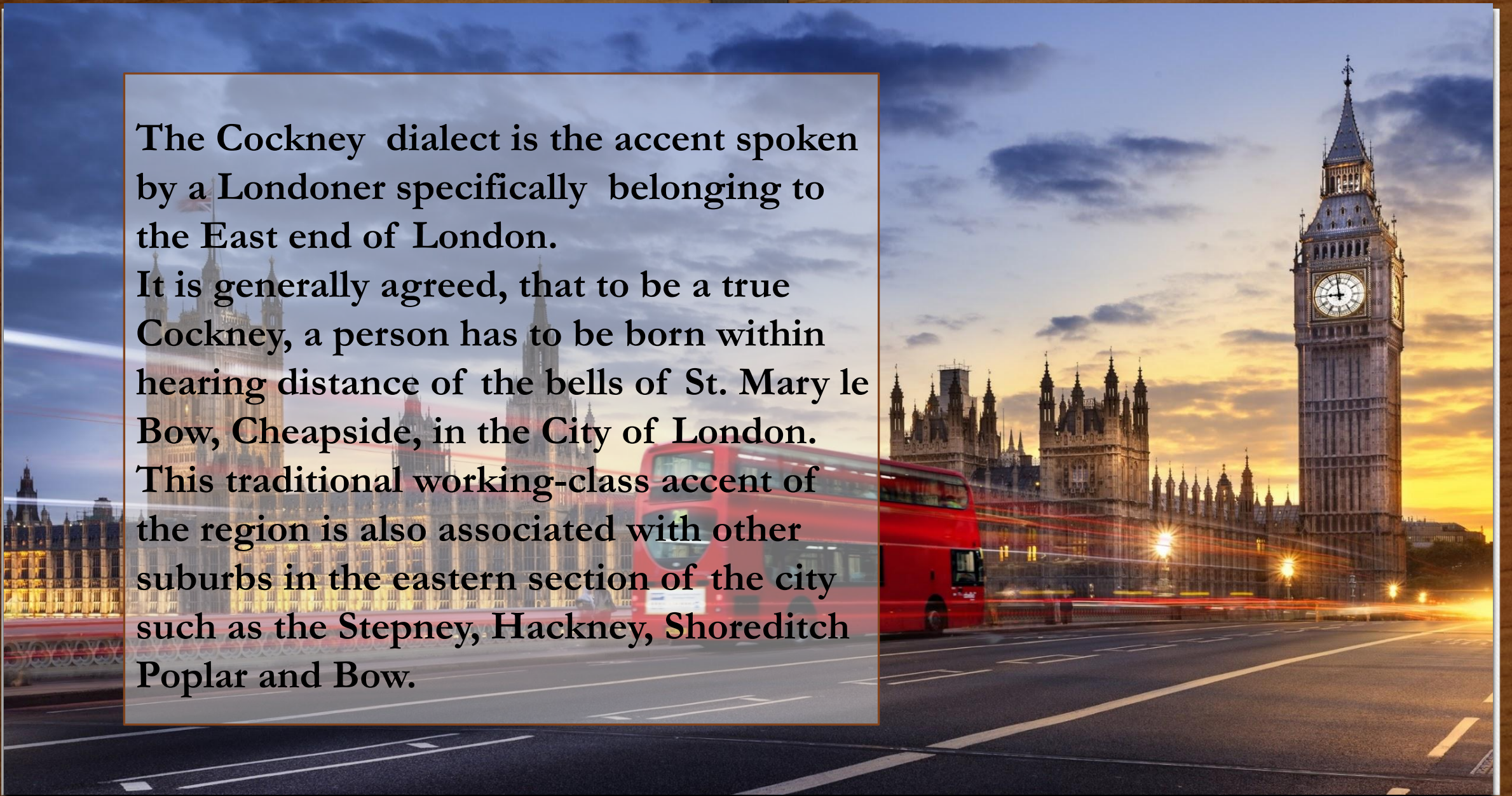
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The Cockney dialect is the accent spoken by a Londoner specifically belonging to the East end of London.

It is generally agreed, that to be a true Cockney, a person has to be born within hearing distance of the bells of St. Mary le Bow, Cheapside, in the City of London.

This traditional working-class accent of the region is also associated with other suburbs in the eastern section of the city such as the Stepney, Hackney, Shoreditch Poplar and Bow.





# Why “Cockney”?

"Cockney" literally means cock's egg, a misshapen egg such as sometimes laid by young hens. It was originally used when referring to a weak townsman, opposed to the tougher countryman.

By the 17th century the term, through banter, came to mean a Londoner (Lieberman, 1996).

Today's natives of London, especially in its East End use the term with respect and pride - 'Cockney Pride'.)



# Pronunciation features:

**Dropped 'h' at beginning of words (Voiceless glottal fricative)**

Examples:

*house* = 'ouse

*hammer* = 'ammer

**TH fronting**

Examples:

*thin* = fin

*brother* = bruvver

*three* = free

*bath* = barf



# Cockney Rhyming Slang



1. Adam and Eve – believe
2. apples and pears – stairs
3. Aunt Joanna – piano
4. Baked Bean – Queen
5. bees and honey – money
6. Brown Bread – dead
7. Bubble Bath – Laugh
8. china plate – mate (friend)
9. Cock and Hen – ten
10. dog and bone – phone
11. Irish pig – wig
12. Isle of Wight – tights
13. north and south – mouth
14. Round the Houses – trousers
15. trouble and strife – wife



# Famous Cockney



David Beckham



Amy Winehouse



Martin Gore



Vera Lynn



Helena Bonham Carter



Marc Bolan



Barbara Windsor



Charlie Chaplin



A rectangular sign with a white border is mounted on a wooden post. The background of the sign is a waving Union Jack flag. In the center, the text "KEEP CALM and SPEAK WITH COCKNEY ACCENT" is written in white, serif, all-caps font. The word "and" is smaller and in a lowercase, sans-serif font. The entire sign is set against a dark wood-grain background.

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