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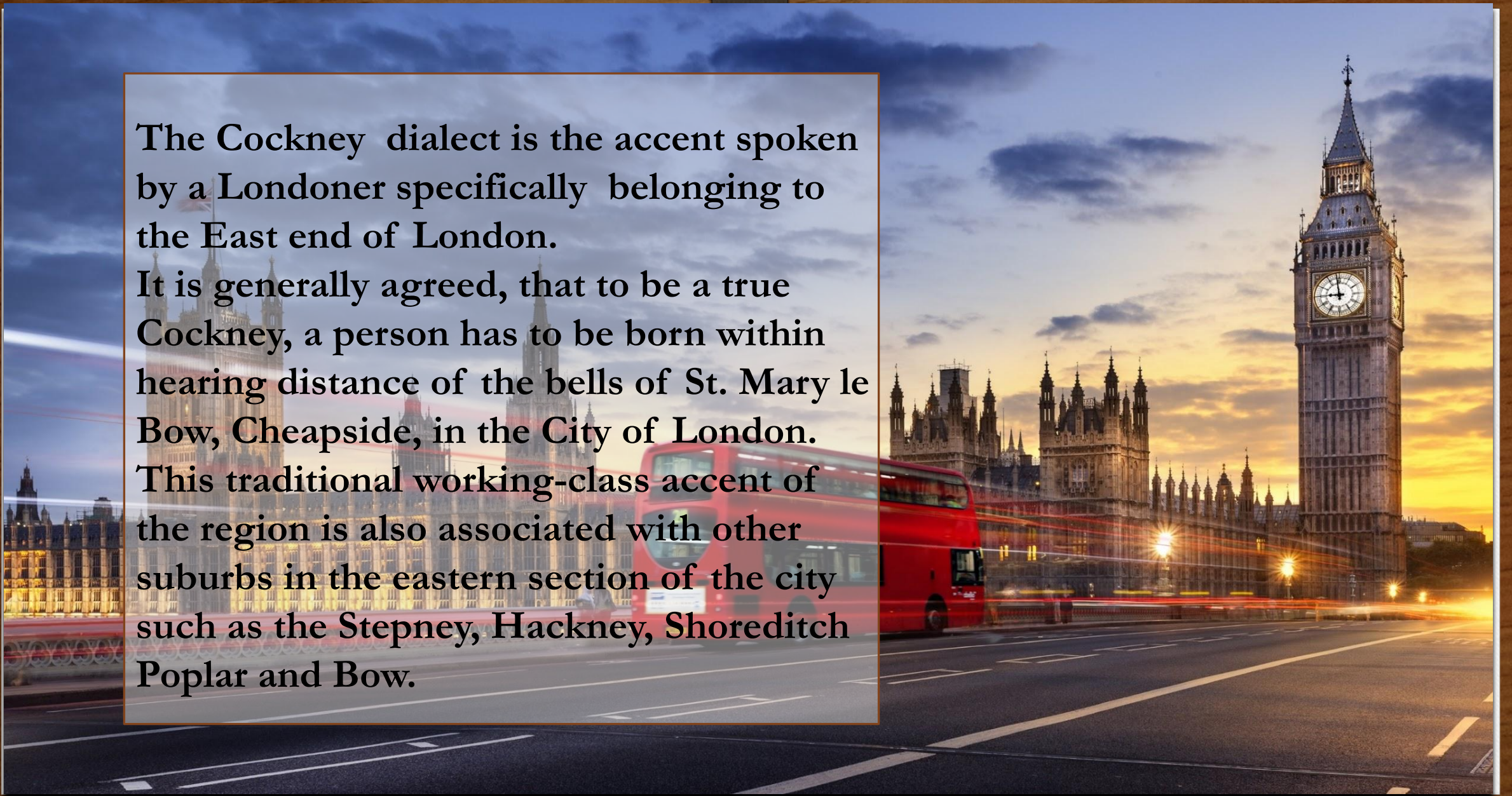
*“ One of the main things about
Cockney is, you speak at twice
the speed as Americans.
Americans speak very slow.”
(Michael Caine)*

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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 dark wooden post against a wooden background. The sign's background is a waving Union Jack flag. Centered on the sign is the text "KEEP CALM and SPEAK WITH COCKNEY ACCENT" in white, serif, all-caps font. The word "and" is smaller and in a lowercase script font.

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