

A wide-angle landscape photograph of a Scottish valley. The foreground shows a grassy hillside with a stone wall. The middle ground features a lush green valley with a small village, a lake, and dense forests. The background consists of rolling hills and mountains under a clear blue sky. The text 'Scottish English' is overlaid in the center.

Scottish English

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Introduction

- **Broad Scots vs Scottish Standard English**
- **History of Scots**
- **Description**



Phonology: Vowels

• PURE VOWELS

/ɪ/	/ɪ/	bid, pit
/i:/	/i/	bead, peat
/ɛ/	/ɛ/	bed, pet
/eɪ/	/e/	bay, hey, fate
/æ/	/a/	bad, pat
/ɑ:/	/a/	balm, father, pa
/ɒ/	/ɔ/	bod, pot, cot
/ɔ:/	/ɔ/	bawd, paw, caught
/oʊ/	/o/	beau, hoe, poke
/ʊ/	/ʊ/	good, foot, put
/u:/	/ʊ/	booed, food
/ʌ/	/ʌ/	bud, putt

• DIPHTHONGS

/aɪ/	/æ/ ~ /əɪ/	buy, ride, write
/aʊ/	/ʌ/	how, pout
/ɔɪ/	/oi/	boy, hoy
/ju:/	/jʊ/	hue, pew, new

Phonology: Vowels

- R-COLOURED VOWELS

/ɪr/	/ɪr/	mirror (also in <i>fir</i>)
/ɪər/	/ɪr/	beer, mere
/ɛr/	/ɛr/	berry, merry (also in <i>her</i>)
/ɛər/	/er/	bear, mare, Mary
/æər/	/ar/	barrow, marry
/ɑr/	/ar/	bar, mar
/ɔr/	/ɔr/	moral, forage
/ɔr/	/ɔr/	born, for
/ɔər/	/or/	boar, four, more
/ʊər/	/ur/	boor, moor
/ʌr/	/ʌr/	hurry, Murray (also in <i>fur</i>)
/ɜr/ (ɝ)	/ɪr/, /ɛr/, /ʌr/	bird, herd, furry

- SCOTTISH VOWEL LENGTH RULE

Phonology: Consonants

- Stops

- /t/

- /x, ɱ/

- /θ, ð/

- /r/ (<http://www.phonetics.ucla.edu/course/chapter1/consonants1.html>)

- /ʀ/ (<http://www.varieties.mouton-content.com/secure/generalmodules/varieties/areas/sse/info/start.html>)

Morphology

- Irregular verbs
 - Brung = brought
 - Sellt = sold
 - Froze = frozen
- Pronouns
 - Yous
 - Us = me
 - Mines
- Demonstrative adjectives
 - Them = those



Syntax

- Number agreement
 - Plural subject nouns are used with *is, was*
- Numerals
 - Combined with singular nouns
- Negation
 - *Not, no*
 - Suffixes *n't, nae*
- Modal verbs
 - No *shall, may, ought*
 - *Want* replaces *should*
 - Double modals

Syntax

- Tense and aspect
 - Stative verbs in progressive verbs
- Interrogatives
 - *How* instead of *why*
 - *Whereabout* is *where (about)*
- Reflexives
 - *Myself* for *me, I*
- Prepositions and adverbs
 - *Off* = *from*
 - *In, out, down, up* (no *to*)
 - *Outside* is followed by *of*

Conclusions

- **Difficult to draw conclusions because of the different dialects in Scottish English.**
- **Scottish English is still a language in progress.**
- **Standard Scottish English is taking over characteristics from other Scots dialects.**
- **Many uses are not only Scots-specific, but also sociolinguistic.**

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