

Read the poem out loud. What do you notice?

Where do you think you sound like you are from?

The poet repeats the phrase 'wanna yoo scruff' to show what others think about people with a non-RP accent.

What does the word 'scruff' suggest about someone with a non-RP accent compared to a typical news reader?

What do you notice about how the poem is written? Why might this be?

The poet says 'thirza right way ti spell ana right way to tok it'. What is the poet saying about rules here?

Why do you think the poet has chosen to write this as if he is reading the news? Would you expect a news reader to sound like this? What do you think the poet is trying to say about this?

The poet says 'this is ma trooth'. What is he suggesting about why he talks with a non-RP accent? What does it show us about him as a person?

What do you think the poet means by 'widny wahnt mi ti talk aboot thi trooth wia voice lik wanna yoo scruff'?

Why would people think it wasn't the truth?

The poet tells the listener to 'belt up.' What does this show us about how the poet is feeling?

Read the poem out loud. What do you notice?

The poet repeats the phrase 'wanna yoo scruff'. Why does he do this? What effect does it have?

The poet structures the poem in an unconventional way. Why might this be?

In the line 'thirza right way ti spell ana right way to tok it', what is the poet suggesting?

The poem is written as if it is someone reading the news. Is this surprising? Why?

The poet says 'this is ma trooth'. What does this suggest about the poet's culture and identity?

What is the poet suggesting in the line 'widny wahnt mi ti talk about thi trooth wia voice lik wanna yoo scruff'?

The poet demonstrates his emotions through the final phrase 'belt up'. What does this show us about his feelings?

Read the poem out loud. What cultural identity is the poet trying to share with you? What difficulties do you face?

How does the poet use repetition in the poem to reinforce his message?

What comments could you make about the structure of the poem? Why has the poet chosen to structure the poem in this way?

The poet suggests that people with a non-RP accent are incorrect or not following rules. How does he do this?

The poet is making a comment about the kind of person that people expect to deliver the news. What is his opinion about this?

How does the poet demonstrate to the reader that he is proud of his accent and identity?

How does the poet suggest there is prejudice against people with a non-RP accent?

The poet ends the poem in a controversial way. What does the final phrase show? Why does he end his poem in this way?