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Kiwi Corner



Being an island nation, just like Japan, New Zealand has a long history of sailing and being internationally renowned for being good at watersports. The biggest city in New Zealand, Auckland, is also known as the “City of Sails”, due to the large number of people who own yachts there. Out of a population of around 1.7 million people, there are more than **500,000 yachts and boats** moored at marinas in the city! That’s about **one boat for every three people!**



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Another example of New Zealand’s obsession with watersports can be seen in its Olympic Games results. For example, at the Olympic Games held earlier this year in Paris, New Zealand won four gold medals in canoeing, one gold medal in rowing, one silver and one bronze medal in sailing.



The women’s double sculls rowing.

However, there is another sporting event that New Zealand dominates in, and actually just won earlier this month! This event is called the **America’s Cup**. The America’s Cup is a sailing competition and **the oldest international competition** still operating in any sport. America’s Cup match races are held between two sailing yachts: one from the yacht club that currently holds the trophy (known as the defender) and the other from the yacht club that is challenging for the cup (the challenger). The winner is awarded the America’s Cup trophy, informally known as the **Auld Mug**.



Team New Zealand’s boat, *Taihoro*

This year’s America’s Cup was held in Barcelona, Spain. Having won the 36th



The Auld Mug being held by the Team New Zealand skipper, Peter Burling, in 2021.

America’s Cup in March 2021, Team New Zealand was the defending team, and battled on the open seas against *Britannia*, the boat sent by the Royal Yacht Squadron of the United Kingdom. The skipper (captain of the boat)

both in 2021 and this time in 2024 was actually my high school classmate, Peter Burling!

The name of Team New Zealand’s boat, *Taihoro*, is inspired by the term *Taihoro-Nukurangi* which in the Maori language means “moving quickly like the sea between heaven and earth.” The boats in America’s Cup races can reach up to speeds of 55 knots, or **over 100 kilometres per hour!** They truly do fly along the water!

This month I’d like to introduce a Kiwi song that became the official theme song for the 2003 America’s Cup.

You can listen to it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N22Bcdc07p8>

(Liam Campbell)

Tea Time with Choy



Hey everyone! October is the perfect time to dive into one of Britain's most iconic (and amusing) traits — our accents! So grab your tea and get ready for a laugh, because British accents and humour are like no other.

Accents Everywhere!

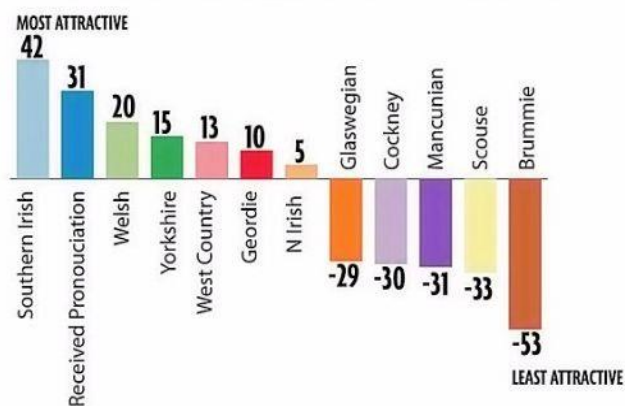
Did you know that the UK, a country about the same size as Japan's Hokkaido, has over **30 different accents**? That's right — travel just a few miles and you'll hear people speaking English in a completely different way. From the posh tones of the **Queen's English** in London (the accent you hear on the BBC) to the rapid-fire **Scouse** accent of Liverpool, we've got it all.

Let's start with **Cockney**, the classic London accent. If someone tells you they're "hank Marvin," don't panic — they're not talking about a person, they're just hungry. You see, Cockney is famous for its **rhyming slang**, where words are swapped for phrases that rhyme (Hank Marvin = starvin').

In contrast, head up north to Yorkshire (my home town!), and you'll hear the **Yorkshire accent**. It's famous for dropping unnecessary words and getting straight to the point. We don't say "It's cold outside," we say, "**It's nippy, innit?**" We're also big fans of saying "love" to people, like "How are you, love?" It's a warm, friendly way to speak.

THE MOST... AND LEAST ATTRACTIVE ACCENTS

YouGov asked whether Brits thought these 12 accents were attractive



A New English Phrase

This month's phrase is: "**Alright, mate?**" It's a common way to say "How are you?" in many parts of the UK, especially in Cockney and Northern accents. So, if you ever want to greet someone the British way, try saying, "**Alright, mate?**" next time!

Next time you watch a British movie, see if you can spot the different accents. It's like a whole new world of English waiting to be discovered!

And to go along with these accents, here's a song from one of the UK's most famous singers: **The Beatles!** Enjoy "A Hard Day's Night" and listen out for the **Liverpool** accent (also known as Scouse).

[The Beatles - A Hard Day's Night](#)

