

TRS501 – The Ocracoke Brogue

- 1. What is the primary reason the Ocracoke speech patterns developed into a distinct dialect?**
 - A. The islanders preferred unique language.
 - B. It was a major trading hub.
 - C. Over 200 years of relative isolation.
 - D. They sought to create a new form of English.
- 2. The term "hoi toider speech" is used to describe the dialect because:**
 - A. it translates to "coastal language".
 - B. it reflects aggressive speech patterns.
 - C. the phrase "hoi tide" is used for "high tide."
 - D. the dialect is only spoken near the ocean.
- 3. The folk legend about the Ocracoke dialect suggests that it:**
 - A. is constantly evolving.
 - B. closely resembles British English.
 - C. is a living relic of Shakespearean-era English.
 - D. has preserved some very old English words.
- 4. According to the text, what has caused the most significant change to the Ocracoke dialect?**
 - A. New electronic media.
 - B. Decline in the fishing industry.
 - C. Researcher documentation efforts.
 - D. The island becoming a tourist destination and its increased accessibility.
- 5. Which term do Ocracoke locals use to refer to "outsiders"?**
 - A. Bankers
 - B. Dingbatters
 - C. Hoi toiders
 - D. The brogue
- 6. Linguists believe that Ocracoke's dialect is valuable for study because it:**
 - A. proves the historical folk legend.
 - B. is attracting many new researchers.
 - C. shows how language changes in geographically remote areas.
 - D. features are easy to document before they disappear.
- 7. Why must linguists "act fast" to study Ocracoke's dialect?**
 - A. They need to publish their findings quickly.
 - B. The island is rapidly running out of resources.
 - C. The dialect is quickly weakening and disappearing.
 - D. Tourism makes fieldwork increasingly difficult.
- 8. The phrase "broke the hermetic seal" most closely means:**
 - A. A change in the island's weather patterns.
 - B. The end of the island's long-standing isolation.
 - C. New regulations on ferry travel.
 - D. The opening of new beaches.
- 9. Wolfram argues the dialect deserves protection because:**
 - A. it is a form of endangered language.
 - B. it is the oldest dialect in North Carolina.
 - C. it reveals important linguistic distinctions.
 - D. it reflects the island's significant cultural traditions.
- 10. What is the author's overall message about the future of "hoi toider speech"?**
 - A. Its survival is guaranteed due to documentation.
 - B. Its decline is likely, but features may be preserved in recordings for later generations.
 - C. It will fully disappear within the next few decades.
 - D. Younger residents are beginning to revive the stronger version.