

Answers

Below is the corrected paragraph. The correct answers are shown in red. There is a guide in blue to where you can find more information about the grammar points in this paragraph. All information can either be found in the 'How to Use Verb Tenses in Business' book or from lessons in the Fluency Space Academy.

The Decline of London's "Cockney" Accent

London's famous Cockney accent was once **spoken** (See 'How to Use Verb Tenses in Business' Lesson 11) all across Britain's huge capital. It was iconic in British popular culture for decades, and its dialectal words, known as 'Cockney rhyming slang', were well-known across the whole country.

However, the much-loved accent **is becoming** (See 'How to Use Verb Tenses in Business' Lesson 1) much less common according to a study carried out by experts at the University of Essex. Linguists **did** (See 'Key Prepositions and Collocations' Lesson) **research** (See 'Key Uncountable Nouns in Business English' Lesson) on a sample of 193 people across London, and used algorithms to group participants based on the vowel sounds **that** (See Lesson 'Key Verb Patterns and General Patterns' Lesson) they used in their speech.

They found that Cockney was hardly spoken by any of the younger participants in the study. It appears that the accent is slowly **being** replaced (See 'How to Use Verb Tenses in Business' Lesson 1 and Lesson 11) by 2 newer accents, namely Estuary English and Multicultural London English (or MLE). Both of these accents have very similar sounds **compared to** (See Lesson 'Key Verb Patterns and General Patterns' Lesson) Cockney, but they have also adapted features from other languages and dialects, reflecting London's cultural diversity. **If you visit** (See 'How to Use Verb Tenses in Business' Lesson 12) London in the near future, be sure to listen out for the range of accents!