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The study is organized into six chapters with each of them containing several sections. The first three chapters include a survey of theoretical material on the topic and offer a short overview of the main peculiarities and features of the Standard language in the United Kingdom. The fourth chapter dwells upon tools and software used in the course of acoustic analysis. The fifth and the sixth chapters (practical part) are devoted to the results and assessment of the data analysed in the course of auditory and acoustic analyses. The conclusion sums up the information of the previous chapters and sections and collaborates it with the results received through the analysis

The importance of the study cannot be minimized as its outcome is of practical value and can be applied in teaching English phonetics.

The method of our study is electro-acoustic analysis performed via a computer program called Praat which is a scientific software program for the analysis of speech in phonetics. Several speech analysis functionalities were employed: spectrograms and formant extraction.

The results of the study show that the process of replacement of /Ďċ/ for /Ĉ/ has not been fully completed despite previous assumptions that the CURE vowel /Ďċ/ is disappearing and being replaced by /Ĉ/. The results of the study of GOAT allophony confirmed that the sound in question becomes retracted, but it was also discovered that it becomes closer (the average declension from the reference values for F2 constitutes 396 Hz for males and 498 Hz for females), which wasn't described in the literature.

