



English: Personal Experiences

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I was born in the Netherlands in Dronten that's in De Bolder it's a fairly young area. It's the first people moved there in 1962. So there isn't really a, a dialect there because people from all over the Netherlands moved to De Bolder to start a new living there.

English I can't really remember not understanding it, this, this may sound weird but in the Netherlands you see movies and hear English songs and films are subtitled so they're not dubbed in Dutch. So you hear the English language with the Dutch subtitles. So then you may feel that you understand the language already even though you can't really speak it. But just by hearing it and seeing the Dutch word with it you think that you know it.

Well when I was learning English in the Netherlands I thought I was awesome but then you come here to the UK and you have to speak English everyday and thinking about how you say things and like, I, I saw a tennis club, in, in 'Irlington' I thought. But now, then I hear it was Islington and then I would think well, you say island and "is" is island and why is it then Islington and not 'Irlington'? I try to speak more with the British accent or British way to, to pronounce words. But that's really hard and I don't want to sound like somebody who is trying too hard to sound British.