

David Crystal. *Global English*

Why should we pay attention to variation?

- English is not a single variety. Varieties are alternative ways of expressing oneself.
- The more the student can become aware that these variations exist, the better.
- Which variety do you teach?
- Credibility: Warn the student that these variations exist, explain why they are there and give the students a general sense of what's happening to English as a global language.

Professor Jason. *Dialects and Regional Differences in Spanish*

Language or dialect, which is the best?

- Dialect vs. Language – Mutual intelligibility.
- Global Spanish: the same variety.
- All varieties of Spanish are dialects of the same language.
- They are different dialects, but they are not inferior dialects.
- More standard or normative grammar of Spanish: the variety used at schools, etc. by educated speakers.
- Standard Spanish does not have to be necessarily the same as Spanish spoken in Spain.