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# *Appalachian Englishes in the Twenty-First Century*

## Study Questions

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### Foreword

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1. What prediction did Donna Christian and Walt Wolfram make concerning Appalachian Englishes?
2. What does using the plural form of “English” within the field of linguistics ensure?
3. On what social groups did earlier studies about Appalachian Englishes primarily focus?
4. In what ways have more recent studies worked to show the diversity of Appalachian Englishes?
5. What factors contribute to the phenomenon of “superdiversity”?
6. Which previously neglected groups are now getting attention when studying Appalachian Englishes?
7. What evidence suggests that language is changing in the Appalachian region?
8. How is the field of linguistics evolving, as shown by the direction this volume intends to make in discussing Appalachian Englishes?
9. What vernacular feature did the interviewed miner use?
10. What aspect of Appalachian Englishes is becoming more associated with narratives (story-telling)?
11. What viewpoint about differences in language do Christian and Wolfram encourage?

**12.** According to the final paragraph, what do the contributors hope *Appalachian Englishes in the 21st Century* will accomplish?