**ER 6.4 Scottish sounds**

A more complicated sound discrimination exercise, this one. In each case you listen to some sounds and are asked a question. Don’t worry if your answers are vague; each will be discussed in the text.

1. Each word is pronounced first in RP, then in SSE. Say what the difference is?

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| *go* | *coat* | *snow* | *boat* |  |

2. Again, each word is first pronounced in RP, then in SSE. Concentrate on the vowels. The difference?

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| *here* | *fear* | *deer* | *near* |  |

3. First you’ll hear two pairs of words, pronounced in RP. Notice they have different vowels. Then each pair is pronounced in SSE. Are the vowels different?

*foot* and *goose fool* and *full*

4. Three words this time, first pronounced in RP. Is there any difference in the vowel? And in SSE?

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| *nurse* | *bird* | *heard* |  |  |

5. Rhoticism again. Five words pronounced first in RP, then in SSE. The difference?

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| *heart* | *fever* | *morning* | *scar* | *carp* |

6. Four words, first in RP, then from a Scots’ dialect. The difference?

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| *butter* | *matter* | *hat* | *let* |  |

7. Another four words, first in RP, then SSE. The difference?

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| *what* | *whether* | *when* | *why* |  |

8. No RP this time, just SSE. Any curious sound in these examples?

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| *laich* | *richt* | *loch* |  |  |