

Q21. WHAT WOULD SIR ROY SAY?

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In Kingsley Amis' novel *Girl 20*, the central character Sir Roy Vandervane speaks in a deliberately lowbrow manner to ingratiate himself with younger people, and the narrator makes fun of this by presenting his words as they actually sounded. Here are some of Sir Roy's pronunciations, with their normal English versions given in italics:

corm beef (*corned beef*)
tim peaches (*tinned peaches*)
moce people (*most people*)
nong-conformist (*non-conformist*)
juss the way (*just the way*)
ole men (*old men*)
thack girl (*that girl*)
cleam break (*clean break*)
exiss for (*exist for*)
im particular (*in particular*)
juss stuff (*just stuff*)
blime man (*blind man*)
ham-bag (*hand-bag*)
nop bad (*not bad*)
soundeg good (*sounded good*)

Odd as these mispronunciations appear, there is a definite pattern to them. How would Sir Roy say the following?

1. end-game _____
2. last chance _____
3. sit back _____
4. sound great _____
5. sand pit _____
6. wild party _____
7. head gear _____
8. wood pile _____