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De Vocalisering van de /l/ in het Standaard Nederlands

Abstract

Maybe already more than a century the /l/ in Standard Dutch is changing into a vowel. In not-prevocalic position – as in *bel* ‘bell’ and *pulp* ‘pulp’ (but not pronounced as *pul[ə]p*) – the tongue tip does not touch the alveolar ridge. This vocalisation is found most frequently in the speech of speakers from Holland and Utrecht. In this study we show that (a) l-vocalisation occurring already in the first half of the 20th century, is increasing sharply in the speech of speakers born in or after 1957, and (b) is more frequent in the speech of women than in that of men.