

# What's an Aneaner?

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Peter Trudgill's article (EDP, March 31) with its story of the explanation of "Mack and tosh" has finally explained the cause of my difficulties as a youngster when suffering, as I now know, from linguistic re-analysis; for which I must give him hearty thanks.

The local newspaper where I grew up in Derbyshire was (as still is) the excellent Ripley & Heanor News. I did not know this as all adults called the paper 'T' Ripley Aneaner. As a youngster, I assumed that Aneaner was part of that class of adult words (like Chronicle, Advertiser, Examiner etc) which pertained to newspaper titles. Thus I expected one day to read perhaps the Derby Aneaner or even the Daily Aneaner, and was puzzled when I never did.

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■ Peter Trudgill's column about the use of language has sparked this letter from a reader.

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