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1	“Yet some of my friends tell me they understand 50 percent of what my mother says...Some say they understand none of it..Her language as I hear it is vivid, direct, full of observation and imagery.”	I’m interested in this quote because I can relate to it. Coming from a caribbean household a couple of my friends never understood my grandparents because of their accent. But, I do. Some may say it's improper because it isn't like how the common American speaks. However, I see no problem with it, if you take time to listen and learn you'll catch on quickly.
2	“I know this for a fact because when I was growing up, my mother’s ‘limited’ english limited my precipitation of her. I was ashamed of her english. I believe that her english reflected the quality of what she had to say, that is because she expressed them imperfectly, her thoughts were imperfect.”	I disagree with this statement because you should never be ashamed of your identity/culture. However, I agree with the part with the limitation a language can hold. If you aren't able to speak “sophisticated English” high corp jobs wouldn't hire you and you must settle with a bare minimum average paying job unless you start your own business.
3	“I later decided I should envision a reader for the stories I would write. And the reader I decided upon was my mother...I began to write stories with all the english I grew up with: the english i spoke to my mother which for lack of a better term may be described as ‘simple’.”	In today’s society especially in schools it’s clear that many cultures are silenced. Students learn how their ancestors were slaves captured by the English rather than well resourceful tribes. It’s great that people are now writing and publishing about their (true)history and how it plays a role on who they are today.

2	“I think my mother’s English almost had an effect on limiting my possibilities in life as well. Sociologists and linguists probably will tell you that a persons developing language skills are more influenced by peers, but I do think that the language spoken in the family, especially immigrant families which are more insular, plays a large role in shaping the language of the child.”	I can relate to this statement because my family speaks fluent Patois so growing up in that environment where I’m surrounded by people speaking what society might see as ‘broken English’ started to rub off on me. In my earlier grades I struggled with writing because I spelt and pronounced my words differently which led to me needing a tutor.
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