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Winner!

"My bugbears with local English include clipped vowels and wrongly used prepositions: At the zoo yesterday, we heard a mother telling her child to "take out your shoes".

1) Using clipped vowels is a habit, eg "spich" instead of "speech", and some may not know that they have this poor speech habit. That tiny bit of additional time given to the required longer sound will make all the difference to good spoken English.

2) "Take off your shoes" is, of course, the correct way of saying it.

Thank you for pointing out a very common error.

This week's winner is Angelina Philips.

Congratulations!