The Dialectizer takes text and claims to render it in a non-standard dialect, solely for comedic intent. You can enter words or phrases, or you can have entire web documents re-interpreted with this interface. The website provides you with a list of dialects to choose from. In this assignment, you should focus on the first three dialects in the list: “Redneck”, “Jive”, and “Cockney”, which the website uses to represent Southern American English, African American English, and the working-class dialect of London, UK.

Explore the rendering of these dialects by using the “Dialectize a Web Page” option, using a news item from an online edition of a widely read newspaper (such as the Sacramento Bee, San Jose Mercury News, San Francisco Chronicle, or Los Angeles Times). To do this, paste the url of a news item into the text box that says “Please enter a URL”.

1. What are some of the rules that the Dialectizer uses to create various dialects? To answer this, find and document examples of the following:
   a. entire words being added or changed (4 pts)
   b. spelling tricks to represent non-standard pronunciation (4 pts)
   c. other grammatical alterations, for example to the form of verbs, or anything else not covered under word changes and spelling changes (2 pts)

2. Do the Dialectizer’s representations of dialects fairly represent actual speech? Explain your answer, using examples for support. Keep in mind the notions of detail and accuracy. (5 pts)

3. Read the “Not Discriminatory” statement by following the link at the bottom of the page. (direct link: http://rinkworks.com/dialect/discrim.shtml). Think particularly about the following claims:
   - “The Dialectizer is not intended to be racist, sexist, or otherwise demeaning or discriminatory toward any ethnic, religious, or cultural group, or any other minority (or even majority)”.  
   - “The Dialectizer attempts to find humor in cultural differences, but this humor is absolutely not intended to be demeaning in any way”
   - “Nowhere is there the expression or implication that one cultural group is inherently inferior than another cultural group; ”

Can we accept the site’s claim that it is not discriminatory? Why or why not? To answer this, you should specifically address whether the site manages not to be demeaning, discriminatory, and whether it implies inferiority on the part of any group. (5 pts)