

High School**May 27, 2018**

Laurel or Yanny?

A single word has divided America.

But is the word *yanny*? Or is it *laurel*?

The debate continues as more people hear the robotic voice that has quickly spread all over the Internet. Some clearly hear the voice say “laurel,” while others hear it saying “yanny.”

The debate actually started with a fifteen-year-old Georgia girl’s homework assignment.

Katie Hetzel, a student at Flowery Branch High School, said she looked up the word *laurel* on vocabulary.com. She heard “yanny” when she clicked on the audio button.

She then played the recording for other classmates, and the craze spread from there.

“A few of us heard ‘yanny.’ A few of us heard ‘laurel.’ I thought I was going crazy,” she said.

She shared the recording on Twitter and history was made.

Discussion Questions

- Are you #teamlareel or #teamyanny? Which word do you hear when you play the infamous recording?
- Talk about a famous story of hearing. Last week, we celebrated Pentecost. Read **Acts 2:1–12**. What miracle happened in verse 6? Why was it significant that the people could understand so many different languages?
- Read **Romans 10:17**. How does God give us faith? Where do you hear God’s Word?
- What message are people not hearing? Think about our world today and discuss what news the world doesn’t seem to understand. How can we share the Gospel with them in more public ways?