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American: Dat-uh,
As in, "Dat uh dere number is wrong, son,"
Or even: Dad-uh,
As in,
Dad dad dad dad
Dad, uh, can you help me with my math homework?
Procrastinate the data.
Dad, uh,
only one in four people know that
data is closer to Dada
than ninety-eight percent
of people think,
the sabermetrics of parenting.

Or more British: Day-tuh.
As in, "It's a good day tuh die,
out numbered as we are by the white men like maggots."
That's a loose paraphrase of Crazy Horse, whom,
though the only data I have
is anecdote, I
have no right
To quote.

Date a...
"Dad, would you ever date a
dilemma?"
A Dill Emma?
That's a dad, uh,
joke.

Day ta
Day two:
Stay tuned
No news is bad news;
The tomb still full
Or Jesus is just out of office
on hiatus and he ain't told nobody
about those man hours lost
on day twomb,
but try as you might to
prepopulate the data,
it comes up
empty.