

Study questions on K&K chapters 1 and 2

To be turned in Tuesday, Sept. 30 in class

Notes/tips

p. 36: “apply in the lexicon” means apply some time before the form is sent off to the ‘phonological component’ box of p. 7 (this means that the drawing on p. 7 needs another box, perhaps inside the “lexicon” box).

p. 37 If you are curious, see Hayes & Stivers ms. (on Bruce Hayes’ web page) for a plausible phonetic explanation of postnasal voicing.

Questions

1. Think about the difference discussed on p. 2 between accidental and inherent properties of language. Other than consulting our intuitions as linguists, how can we tell which category a given generalization belongs in? Jot down any ideas you have so we can discuss this in class.

2. If you haven’t studied phonetics, you can hear examples of various speech sounds at htv.humnet.ucla.edu/departments/linguistics/VowelsandConsonants/course/chapter1/chapter1.html

For everyone: compare the IPA symbols to those used by K&K (e.g., charts on p. 12, p. 17) and list some differences you can find (I’ve gotten you started). The symbols used by K&K are often referred to as “American”. The reason for this exercise is to minimize confusion as you read K&K.

<u>K&K:</u>	ü,	y					
<u>IPA:</u>	y,	ɯ					

3. List some types of evidence K&K propose, towards the beginning of ch. 2, in favor of a significant distinction between idiosyncratic and systematic properties of a pronunciation (not the individual examples, but the *types* of evidence)?