

Linguistics 103
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Homework #3: Tone in Hausa

Instructions

Hausa is a Chadic language, spoken in northern Nigeria and elsewhere in West Africa. This homework was prepared with the help of Prof. Russell Schuh of UCLA.

Go to the Web and find the page of sound files for this homework:

<http://www.linguistics.ucla.edu/people/hayes/103/hausa/>

The words shown below are links on this web page. They link to sound files (.wav format). A .wav file can be played on virtually any computer. Depending on your computer and its software, you may have to click on a Play button to play the files.

H stands for High tone; L stands for L tone. H has a special allotone, extra high, which occurs immediately before a L tone.

[turn over]

Disyllabic words with HL tone:

[ʔá:ʔà:] ‘no’

[kú:kà:] ‘baobab tree’

[sáni:] ‘knowledge’

Disyllabic words with LH tone:

[bà:bá] ‘Dad’

[gù:gá:] ‘bucket’

[ʃà:rá:] ‘sweeping’

Disyllabic words with HH tone:

[dáídáí] ‘exactly’

[dǎídǎí] ‘one at a time’

[wá:wá:] ‘fool’

Now, listen to these words and indicate whether they have HL, LH, or HH tone. You can use the forms above as the basis for comparison. You may try transcribing the segments, too, if you like, but only the tones will be graded.

Word 1 _____

Word 2 _____

Word 3 _____

Word 4 _____

Word 5 _____

Word 6 _____

Word 7 _____

Word 8 _____

Word 10 _____

Word 11 _____

Word 12 _____

Word 13 _____

Word 14 _____

Word 15 _____