***LING131 “Introduction to Linguistics”***

**Worksheet “Language Change”**

Is based the chapter for week 10

Student’s name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Please use a different font for you answers.***

1. Give definitions to the following terms:

***Great Vowel Shift*** is

***Grammaticalization*** is

***Syntactic reanalysis*** is

***Renewal*** is

***Analogy*** is

***Ablaut*** is

***Proto-language*** is

***Comparative method*** is

! Add your own 2 terms with definitions to this list.

2. Study the passage from *Beowulf* poem written in Old English (ex.1 p.265). How was Old English different from Modern English? Fill out the table summarizing the differences at all levels of language structure

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| **Old English** | **Modern English** |
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3. Read the part about the Sound Change. Which of the phonological process discussed in these chapter were already described in the previous chapter on phonology? Make a list of phonological changes with examples and write diachronic rules for them:

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| **Lenition:** |  |
| **Loss:** |  |
| **Assimilation:** |  |
| **Palatalization:** |  |

* What other common sound changes can you add to the list above? Add at least one.

4. Why is English spelling so different from how we pronounce the words in Modern English? Make a list of 3 words (your own examples) from Modern English the pronunciation of which changes because of The Great Vowel Shift:

5. You already know that not every word/construction in a language can undergo grammaticalization. What word/morpheme is likely to become the source of grammaticalization? Think of peculiar features that this unit is expected to have.

6. Make a list of the changes that the item undergoes in the process of grammaticalization. Give examples to illustrate each of these changes.

7. Make a list of explanations for why languages have similarities:

1)

2)

3)

8. Which languages/families belong to the Indo-European language family? Make a list of at least 7 sub-families:

9. What did Linguistic Paleontology help us to learn about the history of Indo-Europeans?