

Peer review (part I)

1. What is your general research question?

Does Zipf's Law of Abbreviation (1935) apply to LSC (Catalan Sign Language)?

2. Why do you think this question is interesting? What does an answer to it tell us?

Signed languages are diminished and there is considerably less research about them than about any other spoken language. If Zipf's law applied to LSC, it would shed new light on the discussion about linguistic universals.

3. What is your specific research question?

I don't know.

4. What kind of data would you use to address Question 2 if you had unlimited resources?

I would try to adapt either Benz & Ferrer-i-Cancho's *Zipf's Law of abbreviation as a language universal* (2016) or Kanwal et al.'s *Zipf's Law of abbreviation as a language universal* (2017) data to LSC.

I would classify equivalent signs as "shorter" or "longer" and then have native signing people use them in a conversation.

5. What kind of data are you planning to use to address Question 2 within the scope of this class?

• How will you obtain it?

I could simulate it, not sure how to collect the type of data I need.

• How much will you collect?

I don't know.

• Do you think that is enough data to address Question 2? Why (not)?

I don't know.