

Assignment One

Name:

Linguistics 201

Transcription of Name:

1

Write in plain English orthography the following transcribed passage.

[in ðis bók, ðə .iijəlist pɔʊzɪʃən ɪz tekin fɔʊr ɡɹæntɪd. ðæt ɪz, ʔaɪ əsumd ðæt ðə pɹɪsɪdʒiəl θij.iɪz ʔaɪ wɪz ətɛmtɪŋ tuw .iɪfəɪn, ɛkstend, ʔænd kɔʊ.ɹɛkt dɪd meɪk ʔæn ʔɪmpɪj.ɹɛkəl kleɪm. ʔə ɡɹæmɪɹ dətɪmɪnd baɪ ə lɪŋɡwɪstɪk θij.iɪ (ɡɪvən deɪtə) kənstrɪtʊts ʔə haɪpəθəsɪs kənɪmɪŋ ðə spɪjkiɹ-hɪj.iɪz nɔlədʒ ʔʌv hɪz læŋɡwɪdʒ ʔænd ɪz tuw bɪj kənfiɪnd ʔoʊɹ dɪskənfiɪnd ɪn tɪmz ʔʌv ɪmpɪj.ɹɛkəl evɪdɛns dɪən, ʔʌltɪmɛtɪlj, flʌm ɪnvɛstɪɡeɪʃən ʔʌv ðə lɪŋɡwɪstɪk ʔɪntuʊɪʃənz ʔʌv ðə læŋɡwɪdʒ juwziɹ. ðə ʒɛnɪɹəl θij.iɪ, nɔʊ .ɹɛɡɑɹdɪd ʔæz ʌn ʔɛksplænətəʊ.ɪj θij.iɪ, ʔɪz laɪkwəɪz tuw bɪj ʔʌndɪ.ɪstʊd æz ʔə saɪkələdʒɪkəl θij.iɪ ðæt ʔətɛmps tuw kɛɹɪktɪ.ɹaɪz ðə ʔɪmɛɪt hjuwmen “læŋɡwɪdʒ fækaltɪj,” ʔænd ðæt kæn bɪj tɛstɪd ʔɪn tɪmz ʔəv ʔɪts kənɪkwɛnsɪz ɪn pɑɪtɪkjuwliɹ læŋɡwɪdʒɪz.]

2

Transcribe my reading of the following passage, which you will find on the class website.

The search for an explanatory linguistic theory, now understood in the “realist” sense, is, naturally, closely related to the investigation of linguistic universals. General properties of language, if not merely historical accident and thus of no real interest, must be attributable to an interaction of genetically determined mechanisms of mind and uniformities in the empirical conditions of language use and acquisition.

Give the IPA symbol corresponding to each of the following sounds.

- a. voiced, bilabial, nasal, stop
- b. voiced, postalveolar,¹ non-nasal, fricative
- c. voiced, velar, nasal, stop
- d. voiceless, postalveolar,¹ affricate
- e. voiceless, alveolar, fricative
- f. back, high, tense, rounded, vowel
- g. front, low, lax, unrounded, vowel

¹ “postalveolar” is the same thing as “alveo-palatal.”