

Summary of procedures for beginning elicitation

1. Elicit some words and record them.
2. Transcribe them while the person is speaking, using narrow transcription.
3. Go over your recordings later and correct errors.
4. Make a list of the sounds you have attested in your data.
5. Look for any minimal pairs. Make a note of them and add those phonemes to your list or chart of phonemes.
6. Look for obvious allophonic conditioning.
7. Make a list of 'unknowns'.
8. Get more data. Does this new data solve any of your unknowns? Does it create any new ones?
9. Now, for your ambiguous or insufficient data, go hunting for solutions.
10. Incorporate this new data. Go back to your phoneme list and add the new items you've discovered.