

Phonetic Assignment (Demo)

This assignment aims to develop your critical thinking when reading research on phonetics and speech. For this assignment, first, you have to read Hay, Nolan, and Drager's paper provided in the reference section. You can access the article via the university library. Then, you have to answer the questions.

Question 1:

A. Hay et al. (2006) used one stuffed toy/animal to test the participants' perceptions for each group. To what extent do you think that using one stuffed animal to represent one dialect caused a shift in perception toward one specific dialect?

B. Suppose that the subjects were primed with two stuffed animals (or other symbolic objects) for two different dialects they were likely familiar with, where the vowel differences went in opposite directions from the subject's own dialect. Can you suggest two dialects? Why did you choose these two dialects?

Question 2:

The argument that exemplar indexing to social information can be activated by exposure to a social category is very interesting. How this would work when the contrast between two social categories are especially salient and socially weighted within a speech community? Would it then be the case that the activation of one social category activates the contrasted social category? Reflect on the two questions.

References

Hay, J., Nolan, A., & Drager, K. (2006). From fush to feesh: Exemplar priming in speech perception.