
practice problems #2: functional categories and morphological processes

Due Wednesday, July 2nd, in class.

Name: _____

Cebuano

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A. Where is Cebuano spoken? _____

1. basa	'to read'	5. binasa	'will be read.'
2. bili	'to buy'	6. binili	'will be bought.'
3. ligo	'to bathe'	7. linigo	'will be bathed.'
4. hatag	'to give.'	8. hinatag	'will be given.'

B. What morphological process is illustrated in these data?

C. Describe in detail the “functional category” that distinguishes the words in the second column from the corresponding words in the first column.

exercise 2.4: English

The English words in the first column are stressed (or accented) on the second syllable, while those in the second column are stressed on the first. Since these pairs of words are spelled the same, we have added accent marks to indicate stress:

1.	permít	pérmit
2.	recórd	récord
3.	convért	cónvert
4.	rejéct	réject
5.	prodúce	próduce

A. Describe the difference in meaning that is expressed by this stress shift.

B. How regular is this rule? Can you think of any additional pairs that follow the same pattern?

exercise 2.6: Agta

Adapted from Healey, 1960.

The following list of words is from the Agta language of the Central Cagayan Valley in the Northern island of Luzon, in the Philippines. There are now only about 600 speakers of this variety of Agta, although there are perhaps 10,000 people in the Philippines who speak other varieties also known as Agta. All the Agta languages are now seriously endangered.

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| 1. | wer | 'creek' | 7. | bag | 'loincloth' |
| 2. | balabahuy | 'little pig' | 8. | walawer | 'little creek' |
| 3. | talobag | 'beetle' | 9. | balabag | 'little loincloth' |
| 4. | bakbakat | 'granny' | 10. | takki | 'leg' |
| 5. | palapirak | 'little money' | 11. | labang | 'patch' |
| 6. | bahuy | 'pig' | | | |

A. Now, assuming regularity, translate the following words into Agta:

12. 'little leg'
13. 'money'
14. 'little beetle' (this is the word for 'lady bug')
15. 'little patch'

B. What is the morphological process and the functional category that is evident in these data?

Classical Arabic

Adapted by Tom Payne from Cowan and Rakušan

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| 1. kataaba | 'he wrote.' | 5. kitaabun | 'book' |
| 2. ʔalima | 'he knew.' | 6. ʔilaamun | 'knowledge' |
| 3. darasa | 'he studied.' | 7. diraasun | 'wisdom.' |
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