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Midterm Review Sheet

Suggestions: Make sure you can do the exercises on the handouts and on the quizzes we've had. Those are the best examples of what you'll see on the midterm.

Topics:
I. Introduction
- other disciplines linguistics is related to
- examples of how humans are specialized for language
- difference between linguistic competence and linguistic performance
- what linguists say a grammar is
- properties of language: generality, parity, universality, mutability, inaccessability

II. Phonetics
- transcription from IPA to English and from English to IPA
- phones, segments, Spoonerisms
- sound classes: +voiced vs. –voiced, vowels vs. consonants, sonorants vs, obstruents, syllabic vs. non-syllabic, glides vs. non-glides
- consonant articulation: labial, labiodental, interdental, alveolar, palatal, velar, glottal
- manners of articulation: oral, nasal, stop, fricative, affricate, aspiration, liquid, glide, syllabic
- vowel classes: front, back, central, tense, lax, round
- speech production: coarticulation, assimilation, nasalization, voicing, place of articulation, flapping, dissimilation, deletion, epenthesis, metathesis, vowel reduction

III. Phonology
- minimal pairs, phonemes, allophones, free variation
- syllables, nucleus, sonorant, obstruent, rhyme, coda, English phonotactics, light syllables, heavy syllables, closed syllables, syllable trees
- accidental gaps vs. systematic gaps, universal constraints
- features, natural classes, distinctive features, consonantal, syllabic, sonorant, continuant, delayed release, nasal, lateral, voiced, labial, coronal, dorsal, tensed, reduced

IV. Morphology
- lexicon, morphemes, morphs, allomorphs
- root, affix, lexical category
- compounding, affixation, cliticization, internal change, suppletion, reduplication
- derivation, derivation trees
- compounds vs. non-compounds, endocentric, exocentric
- conversion, zero derivation, clipping, blends, back formation, acronym, onomatopoeia
- inflection vs. derivation

V. Syntax
- grammatical vs. ungrammatical, lexical vs. nonlexical categories, multiple membership
- phrase structure, head, complement, specifier, phrase structure trees, phrase structure rules, Merge
- constituency tests, substitution, movement, coordination
- X' categories, complement clauses
- Subcategorization
- y/n transformations, Wh-word transformations, Move, I-to-C movement, do insertion, deep structure, surface structure
- parametric variation