

Home assignment

1. Phonetics vs. phonology; transcription; short vowels in SSBE

1. Which characteristic belongs to which level of analysis? Write the numbers in the right column.

Phonetic analysis	Phonological analysis

1. transcription is included in square brackets [...]
2. **ko:l**
3. the aspirated/unaspirated difference has no function in distinguishing one English word from another, so marking it is irrelevant at this level of analysis
4. emphasis is laid on the physical properties of speech sounds
5. transcription is enclosed in slant brackets /.../
6. only unpredictable features are shown in transcription
7. symbols represent phonemes
8. both unpredictable and predictable features are shown in transcription
9. abstract sound units are represented in transcription
10. distinctive and redundant features are indicated
11. only distinctive features are shown
12. **k^ho:t**
13. at this level of analysis two sound units are transcribed with different symbols only if we find at least one case where their occurrence in the same environment causes a difference in meaning (→ minimal pairs)
14. the allophones (physical realizations) of phonemes, whose occurrence can be regularly predicted from their environment, are represented

2. Transcribe the following pairs of words and decide whether they are minimal pairs or not. (If you are not sure or just want to check your answer, go ahead and look up the transcription of the words in the CUBE dictionary: <http://seas3.elte.hu/cube/>.)

set – sat
 guest – guessed
 sin – sing
 then – than
 good – could

Jim – gym
 gas – guest
 nut – not
 bush – but
 love – lot

sucks – socks
 hot – hut
 sink – think
 check – back
 sudden – southern