

**Homework Assignment #1**

(be sure to complete both Part 1 and Part 2)

**Part 1:** Discussion questions — Mental grammar

Due **F Aug 25** at **your recitation**. Please write or type your assignment on a separate paper, not on this assignment sheet.

- *CL* is your textbook, *Contemporary Linguistics*

NOTE: If you do not yet have your textbook, a PDF copy of *CL* Ch 1 is on reserve for our course. (See "[Course Reserves](#)" on the LING 101 Canvas site for more information.)

**Components of grammar and differences among languages**

Consider a language other than English that you speak or have studied. Choose **three** of the following four components of grammar (see also Table 1.3 on p 6 of *CL*) and discuss, for each component you choose, **at least one difference** between that language and English. Illustrate each difference that you discuss with *actual language data*—words, phrases, or sentences—that demonstrate how the two languages differ.

- **Phonetics/phonology:** Are there **sounds** or **sound combinations** in one language that do not occur in the other? (Be careful: we are looking for differences in the actual physical *pronunciations* of the languages, not just different alphabets or different sound-to-spelling rules.)
- **Morphology:** Are there differences in the two languages' ways of building **words**?
- **Syntax:** Are there differences in the two languages' ways of building **phrases** or **sentences**?
- **Semantics:** Are there **meaning** differences in the two languages? For example, are there words in one language with no direct (one-word) translation into the other?

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**Part 2:** Check-in: "Course information and policies" document and course web site

Due by **F Aug 25 at 9pm** on Canvas, in "[Assignments](#)"

- Use the "[Course information and policies](#)" document and the [LING 101 course web site](#) to answer the questions on this quiz (open book!).