

Characterizing a pitch-accent rule

The morpheme /-si/ 市 ‘city’ has a predictable effect on the pitch accent when it attaches to a place name.

- Based on the data in (a), can you make a generalization about where the pitch accent is located in a word that ends in /-si/ 市 ‘city’? Can you make this generalization with reference only to phonological concepts discussed in the course so far?

(a)	[kʷɛ́rɛ-çi]	吳市
	[akitá-çi]	秋田市
	[kʷumamotó-çi]	熊本市

- When you take into consideration the data in (b), does this change your analysis at all?

(b)	[muɾoɾáN-çi]	室蘭市
	[nikkóo-çi]	日光市
	[sendái-çi]	仙台市

(data adapted from Vance 2008)