

## *Today's topics:*

- **Glides, syllable structure, and feature representations**

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*Background preparation:*

- *SC HW #3 (Italian)*

# 0. Today's objectives

After today's class, you should be able to:

- Use techniques of phonological argumentation to justify claims about syllable structure (SC HW #3)
- Explain why rules involving glides seem to present a complication for our feature model
- Formalize phonological patterns using our revised understanding of feature specifications for glides

# 1. Discussion of SC HW #3

- SC HW #3: [Italian](#)
  - Discussion: How can we approach this data set and the analysis of the patterns seen here?

## 2. Formalizing vowel/glide alternations

### Discussion

- Data set – [Kihehe](#)
  - What morpheme alternations can we identify in this data set?
  - Can any of the specific patterns be **combined** into a more general rule? Why or why not?

## 2. Formalizing vowel/glide alternations

- Setting aside features for a second, can we identify any **phonetic** relationships between...
  - [ i ] and [ j ]
  - [ u ] and [ w ]

## 2. Formalizing vowel/glide alternations

- So now we have questions...
  - How can we turn high vowels into glides (or vice versa) with a single, general rule?
  - How can we capture the phonetic similarity between glides and high vowels when the feature representations seem so different?
- Handout - [On representing glides and high vowels](#)

### 3. Vowel/glide alternations & syllable structure

- Data set – [Kihehe](#)
  - Can we identify any connection between the glide/vowel alternations and **syllable structure**?
  - Do any of the other rules we need for this data set have a connection to syllable structure?
  - A question we take up after break:  
How can we capture the insight that **multiple, distinct rules** seem to have the **same “goal”**?  
(a situation known as a **conspiracy**)