

**Group discussion questions — W Aug 22**

**Language A** has undergone the following language change.

<b>Older form</b>	<b>Newer form</b>
[ okto ] [ septem ]	[ otto ] [ sette ] (don't worry about the loss of the [m])

- Can you describe what aspect of the language has changed, and how?
- Do you think there could be a language where this change occurred in reverse? Why / why not?

**Language B** has undergone the following language change.

<b>Older form</b>	<b>Newer form</b>
[ neljæ ] [ kolme ] [ jalka ] [ kylmæ ]	[ nelejæ ] [ kolome ] [ jalaka ] [ kylymæ ]

- Can you describe what aspect of the language has changed, and how?
- Do you think there could be a language where this change occurred in reverse? Why / why not?

**Language C** has undergone the following language change.

<b>Older form</b>	<b>Newer form</b>
<i>I am going to hunt a boar</i> = 'I am currently changing my location in order to hunt a boar'	<i>I am going to hunt a boar</i> = 'I will hunt a boar in the future'

- Can you describe what aspect of the language has changed, and how?
- Do you think there could be a language where this change occurred in reverse? Why / why not?

Language D has undergone the following language change.

Older form	Newer form
<i>dress</i> [ dres ] (and likewise for all other [ɛ]) <i>kit</i> [ k <sup>h</sup> ɪt ] (and likewise for all other [ɪ])	<i>dress</i> [ drɪs ] <i>kit</i> [ k <sup>h</sup> ət ]

- Can you describe what aspect of the language has changed, and how?
- Are these two changes related? Do you predict that any other changes have occurred?
- Do you think there could be a language where this change occurred in reverse? Why / why not?

Language E has undergone the following language change.

Older form	Newer form
<i>ain't</i>	<i>am not</i>

- Can you describe what aspect of the language has changed, and how?
- Do you think there could be a language where this change occurred in reverse? Why / why not?

KEY:

Language A: Latin > Italian  
Language B: Eastern dialects of Finnish  
Language C: represents English  
Language D: New Zealand English  
Language E: 'Standard' English