

- **Updating Kaplan's case studies**
- **General discussion / conclusions**

Background preparation:

- *Review your group's chapter case studies, Kaplan's conclusions*

0. Today's objectives

After Fri and Mon's classes, you should be able to:

- (With your group) Summarize Kaplan's key points from her case-study discussion in your chapter, and compare your conclusions from your case-study
- Discuss whether Kaplan's myths are "busted"
- Consider whether your mind has been changed about any language myths in this course
- Consider when and how to "bust" language myths that you encounter in the future!

1. Myths vs. case-study RQs (F Nov 21)

- Ch 2: 'A dialect is a collection of mistakes'
- Ch 3: 'Sign language is skilled charades'
- Ch 4: 'Chimpanzees can talk to us'
- Ch 5: 'Children have to be taught language'
- Ch 6: 'Adults can't learn a new language'
- Ch 7: 'Being bilingual makes you smarter (or dumber)'

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- Ch 2: 'A dialect is a collection of mistakes'
What is the best way to teach the standard dialect...?
- Ch 3: 'Sign language is skilled charades'
Are signed languages just pantomime / is iconicity special?
- Ch 4: 'Chimpanzees can talk to us'
- Ch 5: 'Children have to be taught language'
Do parents correct their children's mistakes?
- Ch 6: 'Adults can't learn a new language'
Are children more successful at learning L2?
- Ch 7: 'Being bilingual makes you smarter (or dumber)'
Does being bilingual make you smarter?

1. Myths vs. case-study RQs (M Nov 24)

- Ch 8: 'Women talk more than men'
- Ch 9: 'Texting makes you illiterate'
- Ch 10: 'The most beautiful language is French'
- Ch 11: 'My language limits my thoughts'

1. Myths vs. case-study RQs (M Nov 24)

- Ch 8: 'Women talk more than men'
Do women talk more than men?
Do women use more tag questions than men?
- Ch 9: 'Texting makes you illiterate'
Does text messaging hurt literacy skills?
- Ch 10: 'The most beautiful language is French'
Are some dialects more beautiful than others?
- Ch 11: 'My language limits my thoughts'
Does our language affect the way we think?

2. Myths — Busted?

- Ch 2: 'A dialect is a collection of mistakes' | **busted**
What is the best way to teach the standard dialect...?
- Ch 3: 'Sign language is skilled charades' | **busted**
Are signed languages just pantomime / is iconicity special?
- Ch 4: 'Chimpanzees can talk to us' | **busted**
Are non-human communication systems combinatorial? | *supported*
- Ch 5: 'Children have to be taught language' | **busted**
Do parents correct their children's mistakes? | **maybe**
- Ch 6: 'Adults can't learn a new language' | **it's complicated**
Are children more successful at learning L2?
- Ch 7: 'Being bilingual makes you smarter (or dumber)'
Does being bilingual make you smarter? | **weak support?**

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Do women talk more than men?
Do women use more tag questions than men?
- Ch 9: 'Texting makes you illiterate' | **busted**
Does text messaging hurt literacy skills?
- Ch 10: 'The most beautiful language is French' | **busted?**
Are some dialects more beautiful than others?
- Ch 11: 'My language limits my thoughts' | **weak support**
Does our language affect the way we think?

2. Myths — Busted?

- Are there any myths that you changed your mind about while taking this class?

3. Go forth and bust some myths

- What myths do you think are problematic if they are widely believed?
- What are some ways we can help bust these myths when we encounter them?

4. More about language

- Some TED(x) talks that relate to our topics
 - [John Baugh](#): linguistic profiling (18:30)
 - [Patricia Kuhl](#): how babies acquire L1 (10:00)
 - [Deb Roy](#): wiring his house as his baby acquired L1 (to study input, context, etc.) (19:35)
 - [John McWhorter](#): texting is really okay (13:34)
 - [Lera Boroditsky](#) on ways she feels that language influences thought (14:02)
 - [David Peterson](#) on “why language is humanity’s greatest invention” (14:23) — including some discussion of constructed languages (High Valyrian!)