

Reading guide:**Odden (2005: Ch 4 excerpts), on URs and paradigms****Background**

This reading brings together some of the concepts we have been discussing about predictable patterns, morpheme alternations, and underlying representations. These are fundamental concepts that we will build on in later parts of the course.

Read: §4.1–4.3, §4.6 (through p 88/up to the Palauan example)

Points to focus on while reading

Be able to explain what Odden means by the following:

- (1) p 70: “The important step here is that we test the hypothesis by combining the supposed root and the affix in a very literal-minded way...”
- (2) p 70: “Rules which are stated as ‘only applying in the following words’ are almost always wrong.”
- (3) p 72: “It is very important to understand that the grammar does not formally derive one word [by which Odden means ‘surface form of a word’—jls] from another.”
- (4) p 72: “The principles for combining roots and affixes are not part of the phonology...”
- (5) p 76: “...it is dangerous, and incorrect in these two cases [Russian and Finnish], to assume that the ‘most basic’ form of a word according to morphological criteria is also the underlying form of the word.”
- (6) p 85: “...it is wrong to think of deriving underlying forms by chopping off affixes from some single column of data.”
- (7) p 88: “It is also important to understand the difference between saying that the underlying form *is* the simple form, or *is* the perfective form, and saying that we may best *learn* what the underlying form is by looking at the perfective, or simple form, or some other form.”