

Discussion guide: Online morphology resources

For this RR, your task is to access one of the online morphology resources listed below **in bold** and answer the questions given.

Online morphology resources (these are linked from the Resources page on course web site; see under the section headed “Morphological data from natural languages”):

- From the Surrey Morphology Group Databases, University of Surrey [use these links only]
 - **Agreement**
 - **Defectiveness**
 - **Deponency**
 - **Features**
 - **Syncretism**
 - **Person syncretism**
 - **Suppletion**
- **Graz Database on Reduplication**, University of Graz

- (1) [Most people will probably answer this question for their RR.] Choose one of the databases listed above, and answer the following questions.
 - (a) State which database you have chosen to look at.
 - (b) Give a short description of the database: Who or what group created it? Is there a stated purpose for the creation of the database? What kind(s) of information does your resource provide?
 - (c) Use the database: Look something up in it, and report the results. It may take a little trial and error for you to understand how to use it or what you are getting back as information, so be prepared to play with the database for a little while before answering this question.
 - What question or query did you ask the database? Describe, as best you can, a situation in which a linguist might want to know this information.
 - What kind of information did you get back? Explain what this might mean for a linguist in the hypothetical situation you have described above.
- (2) [Alternative RR for people who already know that they (might) want to use an online morphology resource for their final project.] For this question, you may use *any* online resource, not only the ones listed above.
 - (a) Give the name and URL/web address of your resource.
 - (b) Give a short description of your resource. Who or what group created it? Is there a stated purpose for the creation of the resource? What kind(s) of information does your resource provide?
 - (c) Explain how the resource is relevant to your final project. In particular, how are you currently considering using the resource for your project? (This is not binding.)