

Reading guide: Clahsen et al. (2010), Intro and Part 1 (to p 30)

Clahsen, Harald, Claudia Felser, Kathleen Neubauer, Mikako Sato, and Renita Silva. 2010. Morphological structure in native and nonnative language processing. *Language Learning* 60: 21-43.

- (1) The Introduction reviews some earlier work on morphological processing in adult non-native speakers and discusses several theories that have been proposed concerning why the morphological behavior in L1 and L2 speakers might be different. Describe or explain at least two different such explanations from this section of the paper.
- (2) Summarize the authors' discussion of results from inflectional morphology in L1 speakers. In particular, what patterns do the authors seem to find important or instructive?
- (3) Choose one study that has found a difference in the processing of inflectional morphology in L1 versus L2 speakers. Describe the nature of the difference (with examples, to the extent possible) and explain what the authors interpret the difference to mean in terms of L1 versus L2 grammars or language systems.