

Short Transcription Assignment

The purpose of this assignment is to get you used to the mechanics of transcribing language data using Praat and our XML template.

You are going to be transcribing a short, 30-second passage of English.

First, you are going to have to download the ‘toy’ sound-file “Pat-The-Bunny.wav” from the course wiki:

- Go to the class website (<http://people.umass.edu/scable/LING404-SP09>)
- Click on “Language Page”
- Enter your password (password sent to you by e-mail)
- Click on “Recordings and Transcriptions of Class Sessions”
- Click on “Recording of Class Session on 1/18/09”
- Right-click (PC) or control-click (Mac) on “Part 1”
- Download the file to your computer (desktop, if you like)

Now, following the instructions in the document titled “Workflow”, open the file in Praat.

Please transcribe **only the first thirty seconds (11 sentences) of this file** using the XML template.

Special Instructions:

- In the field “<dholuo>”, where you would typically enter the Dholuo spelling of the sentence, simply spell the sentence as it would be in English.
- In the field “<English>”, where you would typically enter the English translation of the sentence, simply repeat what you have written in the “<dholuo>” field.

Note:

I’m not going to be grading you on how accurate your IPA transcription of English is. Feel free to be rather ‘broad’ and ‘simplified’ in your IPA representation of English.

<p>Please have these e-mailed into me by the end of tomorrow.</p>
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