

Short Transcription Assignment

The purpose of this assignment is to get you used to the mechanics of transcribing language data using Praat/Audacity 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.mp3” from the course language page:

- Go to the class website (<http://people.umass.edu/scable/LING404-SP16>)
- Click on “Kalmyk Language Page”
- Click on “Recordings and Transcriptions of Class Interviews”
- Go to “Interview on January 20, 2016”
- Click on “Part 1”
- Download the file (Pat-The-Bunny.mp3) to your computer (desktop, if you like)

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

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

Special Instructions:

In the field “<kalmyk>”, where you would typically enter the IPA transcription of the Kalmyk data, provide an IPA transcription of the English sentences you hear.

In the field “<english>”, where you would typically enter the English translation of the sentence, simply provide the English orthographic spelling of the sentence written in the <kalmyk> 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.

Please have these e-mailed into me by Friday January 22nd.