Review for the First Midterm
A Reminder!

- The first midterm will be Monday, March 4th (next Monday!)
- The midterm will be held in this room
- The midterm will involve written answers (not scantrons)
- So, make sure to bring some pencils!
A Brief Review

- The exam will cover material from Weeks 2 - 5. (Remember, Week 1 was cancelled.)

- Here are the high points of what you should know...
A Brief Review

From the material in Week 2, you should know:

▲ The ‘fundamental question’ linguists seek to answer (Assignment 1).

▲ How linguists go about answering this question (Assignment 1).

▲ Some ways that learning a (first) language is similar to other ‘instinctive’ behaviors (Assignment 1).

▲ Some ways that learning a (first) language does not depend upon general intelligence (Assignment 1).
A Brief Review

From the material in Week 3, you should know:

- the IPA symbols we covered in class. (Assignment 2)
- the definition for those symbols in terms of their articulatory phonetics (Assignment 2)
- You cannot use your IPA charts during the exam.
- You will be given a partial IPA chart, that includes:
  1. the IPA symbols
  2. a word of English illustrating the sound
  3. no articulatory definitions!
A Brief Review

From the material in Week 4, you should know:

- The syllabification rule (Assignment 3)
- What ‘phonotactic constraints’ are
- How phonotactic constraints affect syllabification (Assignment 3)
- Why our rule predicts ‘Onsets over Codas’ (Assignment 3)
A Brief Review

► You will not be required to answer questions on the material from Week 5.

► However, there will be extra credit questions on:
  
  ▶ What ‘allophones’ / ‘phonemes’ are
  
  ▶ Other terms on handout ‘Important Vocabulary Items for Phonology’
  
  ▶ How to find ‘minimal pairs’, and what this shows