

Homework #1
due April 11th

- A. Give three examples of phonetic differences between your speech and that of your parents. If your parents spoke to you in a language other than English, describe differences between their language and your use of that language. If you don't speak your parents' language, describe the difference between your parents' English and your English.
- B. The examples in (1) represent the same sentence in four stages of the history of English (as spoken in Britain). They are represented in a rough broad phonetic transcription. Put these in chronological order, and discuss how you decided, **on the basis of the linguistics data alone**, which was the earliest, which was the next, etc. In particular, discuss words that are similar through the four samples and say what kinds of sound changes they underwent.
- (1) a. aʊre fader ðat art in heʊenɪs, halowɪd bi ðat neɪme
 b. a: hevnli faðə, meɪ yuə neɪm bi a:nəd
 c. a: faðə hu a:t in hevn̩, haloud bi ðat neɪm
 d. fæder u:re ðu: ðe eart on heofonum, si ði:n nama jexa:lɡod
- C. Tok Pisin is a language spoken in New Guinea that is based on English. Examine the phonetic transcription of the following English words and the corresponding Tok Pisin words. Describe the sound changes that have occurred and where possible, briefly classify them (using the types of sound changes discussed in class).

(2)	<i>English</i>	<i>Tok Pisin</i>	<i>gloss</i>
	æsk	akis	'ask'
	aʊtsaɪd	aʊtsat	'outside'
	ka:dz	kas	'cards'
	kæpsaɪz	kafsat	'capsize'
	mʌŋki	mʌŋgi	'boy'
	stændbaɪ	sambat	'stand by'
	spiə	supia	'spear'