



Tutorial – session 4

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Recap



Warm-up game



Introducing Phonology



Exercises



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Recap

- [...] these brackets are used for phonetic description
- <...> these are used for orthography

Questions:

How can you find out if a consonant is voiced or unvoiced? (in terms of when you speak it, what can you feel?)

How can you find out if a sound is aspirated or not?

Warm-up game: Finding minimal pairs

- A minimal pair is a pair of words that only differ in one sound in the same spot and have different meanings
e.g. [tin] and [bin])
- One person starts with a word
- The next person has to find a minimal pair with this word
- If the minimal pair is correct, the person chooses a new word and so on

Phonology



In Phonetics the physical reality of sounds is studied. In Phonology we look at sounds in combination and in contrast to other sounds.



Some key words:



Phoneme: smallest meaning distinguishing element of a language, contrastive distribution



Allophone: not meaning distinguishing, complementary distribution



Phone: physical realisation of a sound



Assimilation: sounds adapting to other sounds (either regressive or progressive)



Minimal pairs: e.g. pin and bin

Exercises

- Method: group work in break-out rooms and then comparing the results in the plenum after
 1. How would you define standard English?
 2. Explain the difference between a phoneme and an allophone using an example of your choice.
 3. Find minimal pairs for the following words and give the phonemic transcription: <bet> <word> <say> <giving> <nice> <feet>

Time for questions

