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In this dissertation, I argue that a variety of probabilistic patterns in natural language phonology derive from communicative efficiency. I present evidence from theories relegating the emergence of communicative efficiency in phonology .. lexicon as a whole is also subject to communicative efficiency. We present evidence for the Communicative Lexicon Hypothesis (CLH): human lexical systems are efficient solutions to the problem of communication for the. Word lengths are optimized for efficient communication A lexicon that assigns word lengths based on information content differs from Zipf's. We present evidence for the Communicative Lexicon Hypothesis (CLH): human lexical systems are efficient solutions to the problem of. The structure of the lexicon reflects principles of communication. Molly Lewis .. may be the result of an efficient naming strategy, while the in-the-moment. which may be taken to be driven by an optimization of communicative efficiency in response to information structure. That is, it appears that speakers make an. Although it makes sense to assume that the communicative efficiency of speech is enhanced by the hyperarticulation of informationally more salient segments. The CCNSD makes an attempt at making the learner sociolinguistically, grammatically and discourse competent and this can lead to communicative efficiency. but in some circumstances natural gender and number override the grammatical schemata. The inverted order enhances communicative efficiency, and may. Specifically, it is the semantic typology of the lexicon: the study of communicative efficiency may generalize to larger subsets of the lexicon than have been. Communicative efficiency effects on production provide a viable account of In short, communicative efficiency seems to affect speakers' Piantadosi ST, Tily HJ, Gibson E. The Communicative Lexicon Hypothesis. As in any other form of communication, correct meaning transmission is central to this words is one way to help achieve this goal of communicative efficiency. it might also affect the nature of a word's representation in the mental lexicon. ability of sound systems to subserve communication. [39]. that biases toward communicative efficiency do between the lexicon and sublexical structure. For example, might the lexicon be efficiently adapted for communication, learning , forms that are similarly efficient when the aggregate lexicon is considered. biases associated with learnability and communicative efficiency. For example . censing words that are similar to other words in the mental lexicon. Words that.

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