
Chapter 3: Morphophonemics

Japanese

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The following are some Japanese words in phonetic transcription. The two columns represent two distinct speech styles, informal and formal.

Informal	Formal	Gloss
yobu	yobimasu	'call'
kaku	kakimasu	'write'
taberu	tabemasu	'eat'
miru	mimasu	'see'
deru	demasu	'leave'
dekakeru	dekakemasu	'go out'
jinu	jinimasu	'die'
jimeru	jimemasu	'close'
kataru	katamasu	'swindle'
kiru	kimasu	'wear'
yomu	yomimasu	'read'
kasu	kajimasu	'lend'
matsu	matjimasu	'wait'
osu	ojimasu	'press'
ateru	atemasu	'apply'
otosu	otojimasu	'drop'
motsu	motjimasu	'have'
katsu	katjimasu	'win'

- A. List and gloss the underlying forms of all the morphemes in these data, including roots and suffixes.
- B. Formulate morphophonemic rules that account for the different surface forms of the roots and suffixes.
- C. Provide complete morphophonemic derivations for the following words: *yobimasu*, *tabemasu* and *otojimasu*.