

In Category A, each morpheme is assimilated equally well or poorly to a single native morpheme, in Best's term Single Category assimilation (SG). We predict that Category A will be the easiest one to be acquired due to its identical semantic relationship between English and Thai prepositions.

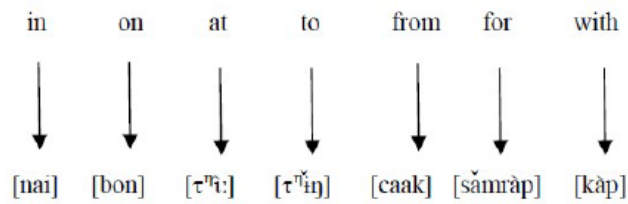


Figure 1. L2 prepositions highly assimilated into those in L1

Category B is a one-to-many semantic mapping between English and Thai prepositions. One English preposition can have more than one correspondence in Thai. Best explains that when there is one of the two fits better than the other, it will be termed a Category Goodness difference (CG).

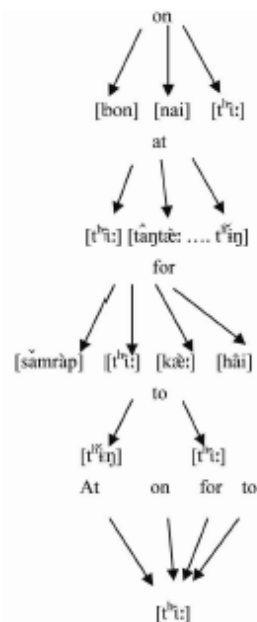


Figure 2. L2 prepositions roughly assimilated into 2 or more in L1

Category C is one-to-null mapping between English and Thai prepositions. If both non-native phones are uncategorized speech segments, they will be termed uncategorized Speech Segments (UU) (Best, McRoberts, & Goodell, 2001).

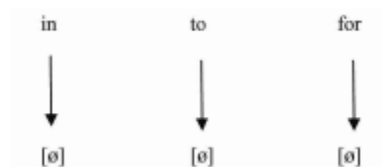


Figure 3. L2 prepositions uncategorized into those in L1