LING3204 Second Language Acquisition

Tutorial: Overview

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Meeting Time and Location



• Time: Tuesday 15:30-16:15

Location: Lee Shau Kee Building 308

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Course Materials



- Blackboard: https://blackboard.cuhk.edu.hk/
 - [Link to the course page]
- Slides for tutorial sessions are also available at: https://lukeyigechen.github.io/teaching/ling3204/fa22

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 Lucas is a native speaker of Spanish from Chile who also knows
English. He has been living in Hong Kong and learning Cantonese as a second language. [Link]



 Chris is a polyglot speaking British English as his mother tongue and learning five additional languages including Russian, Mandarin Chinese, Cantonese, French, and Spanish. [Link]



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- How do Lucas and Chris compare to native speakers of Hong Kong Cantonese in terms of their production and use of Cantonese (e.g., tones, pronunciation, vocabulary, grammar, code-mixing, etc.)? Do you think they are native-like in Cantonese? If not, what are the possible explanations for their non-nativelikeness?

Group Presentation



- Please form groups of 3-4 students and sign up for the paper you will present by 12/9
- Group Presentation Signup



Attendance Questions



 We do not record attendance for the 1st week

