

Paper #2

Due in class on Nov 13th

Your task is to write a brief reaction paper about the following article:

Devlin JT, Jamison HL, Matthews PM, Gonnerman LM. (2004). Morphology and the internal structure of words. *Proc Natl Acad Sci*, 12, 14984-8.

Available at:

http://www.psych.nyu.edu/pylkkanen/Neural_Bases/07_homeworks/Devlin_Gonnerman_PNAS_2004.pdf

Your paper must not exceed 2 double-spaced, typed, pages.

Make sure to relate your paper to material discussed in class. In light of what you learned about morphological decomposition in class, how good an argument does this article present in support of emergent morphology?

The first half of your paper should summarize, ***in your own words***, the main research question of the article, the methods used to address it, and the results obtained. This section is supposed to convey to what extent you understood the paper so do not lift text from the article. Rather explain the study as if you were explaining it to a friend who does not know anything about neurolinguistics. The second half of your paper should discuss your own reactions to the paper. Was it interesting? Why (or why not)? What do we learn from the study? What questions does it raise? If you were to follow up on this research, what would you do?