

Chicano English

1. Who speaks Chicano English?
2. Where is Chicano English mainly spoken?
3. Is Chicano English spoken in Kansas? In Lawrence?
4. Who speaks an inter-language?
5. Why do the authors claim that Spanish interference does not explain the features of Chicano English?
6. What do the authors mean by the phrase 'patterning of constraints on those variants'?
7. Why is quantitative data necessary to study the patterning of constraints?
8. How was the data on Chicano English collected?
9. What is the difference between unanalyzed and analyzed DON'T (p. 378)?
10. What is the difference between quotative and focuser *like*?
11. What does Labov mean in the quote (p. 383):
"the uniformity of abstract patterns of variation which are invariant in respect to particular levels of usage"
12. Are Chicano English patterns similar to other vernacular dialects?
13. What social factors did Fought find were associated with negative concord?
14. Was sex related to the use of negative concord in LA?
15. What does Table 1 (p. 385) show about the linguistic conditioning of negative concord?
16. Is the use of negative concord similar in Chicano English and AAVE?
17. Does the use of Chicano English stem from a refusal to learn standard American?

Features of Chicano English:

- i. regularized past tense - 'when she striked me with that ...'
- ii. past tense omission - 'I saw some girl, she, she look pretty.'
- iii. 3sing. omission - 'If somebody come up and push me ...'
'She don't like it here ...'
- iv. absence of agreement:
'And the people that live here is ...'
'They was like, ...'
'... they __ like, 'you speak a little bit weird'
- v. Habitual Be - 'You be doing a classwork in class, ...'
- vi. auxiliary omission - 'I __ been doing dancing ...'
- vii. Negative concord - 'I didn't see nothing no more.'
- viii. 'they ain't supposed to do that.'
- ix. Object deletion - 'I gave him __ to eat.'
- x. Quotative *go, be like, be all* - 'When people wanna fight me I'm like "well okay, ..."
- xi. Focuser *like* - 'She was like a real thin lady.'
- xii. Resumptive pronouns - 'I know this lady that she used to live here.'
- xiii. Question *tell* - 'I told Elinore "Is that your brother?"'
- xiv. *would* in if clauses - 'If he'd be here right now, he'd make me laugh.'
- xv. *could* for *can* - 'Nobody believes that you could fix anything.'
- xvi. prepositions - 'We start on July.'