

## Chicano English

1. Who speaks Chicano English?
2. Where is Chicano English mainly spoken?
3. Data from sociolinguistic interviews.
4. 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. 3<sup>rd</sup> sing. 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. 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.'