

Labov 1972

1. What is Labov's cumulative principle?
2. Labov states that you "find linguists working in the library, the bush, the closet, the laboratory, and the street" (99). Which type of linguistics will we practice in this class?
3. What is the Principle of Convergence?
4. What is the Principle of Preferential Ignorance?
5. What is the Saussurian Paradox?
6. What is the problem of "intersubjective knowledge"?
7. What did Guy Carden establish about linguistic reliability?
8. What problem do rare sentence types create for linguistic description?
9. What is the Principle of the Vocal Majority?
10. What are "the barriers against interaction with strangers in one's own culture"?
11. What is the Principle of Subordinate Shift?
12. What is the Vernacular Principle?
13. What is the Principle of Formality?
14. What is the Observer's Paradox?
15. What relation does Labov claim exists between the vernacular and laughter?
16. What is the basic sociolinguistic conundrum?
17. What does Labov say about the difference between narratives told to insiders and narratives told to outsiders?
18. What are some examples of rapid and anonymous observation methods?
19. Why do women lead men by almost a generation in on-going linguistic change?