

**Phonetics and Phonology**  
**Spring 2007**

**Exercise III part 1**

*Transcribe the following passage in the space provided below (pay special attention to weak forms).*

*Then check it with the key at the bottom of the page.*

- How did you get here this morning? I didn't see you at the station.
- I came by car, but I wouldn't do it again.
- Why not? The traffic isn't too bad, is it?
- It was this morning. There are a lot of roadworks just the other side of the river.
- Oh, yes. I'd completely forgotten about those. So why didn't you catch the train?
- The alarm clock didn't go off. There must have been a power cut last night, because the numbers were blinking. And then the traffic made me 20 minutes late.
- Oh, dear. Mr Jenkins wouldn't like that.

'hau dɪd ju 'get 'hiə ðɪs 'mɔ:nɪŋ | aɪ 'dɪdənt 'si: ju ət ðə 'steɪʃən | aɪ 'keɪm baɪ  
'kɑ: | bət aɪ 'wʊdənt<sup>1</sup> 'du:ɪt ə'gen | 'waɪ 'nɒt | ðə 'træfɪk 'ɪzənt tu: 'bæd | 'ɪz ɪt |  
ɪt 'wɒz<sup>3</sup> ðɪs 'mɔ:nɪŋ | ðə<sup>4</sup> ər<sup>4</sup> ə 'lɒt əv 'rəʊd wɜ:kz<sup>5</sup> 'dʒʌst<sup>6</sup> ðɪ<sup>7</sup> 'lʌðə 'saɪd əv ðə  
'rɪvə | əv 'jes | aɪd kəm'pli:tli fə'gɒtən əbaʊt 'ðəʊz | səʊ 'waɪ dɪdənt ju 'kætʃ ðə  
'treɪn | ðɪ<sup>7</sup> ə'lɑ:m klɒk 'dɪdənt geʊ 'ɒf | ðə 'mʌst<sup>8</sup> əv<sup>9</sup> bi:n ə 'pəʊ<sup>10</sup> kʌt 'lɑ:st naɪt |  
bɪkɒz ðə 'nʌmbəz<sup>11</sup> wə 'blɪŋkɪŋ | ənd<sup>12</sup> 'ðen ðə 'træfɪk 'meɪd mi 'twenti 'mɪnɪts<sup>5</sup>  
'leɪt | əv 'dɪə | 'mɪstə \*'dʒɛŋkɪnz 'wʊdənt<sup>1</sup> 'laɪk 'ðæt<sup>13</sup> |

**Phonetics and Phonology**  
**Spring 2007**

**Exercise III part 2**

*Transcribe the following passage in the space provided below (pay special attention to weak forms).*

*Then check it with the key at the bottom of the page.*

- He certainly didn't like it. He got rather unpleasant about it.
- I'm not surprised. He's been getting more and more bad-tempered lately. Everybody's noticed it. Ever since he had that meeting at the head office, he has been quite unbearable.
- Yes. I know he's got a lot on his plate at the moment, but there's really no need to be rude to someone in front of everybody else. He made me feel as if I had just killed somebody. I tell you. I think he means to make me pay for this.
- Oh, I shouldn't worry too much about it. He'll have forgotten all about it by tomorrow. He always does. It's one of his few good qualities.

|hi<sup>14</sup> 'sɜ:tənli 'dɪdənt 'laɪk

it | hi<sup>14</sup> ɡɒt 'rɑ:ðər<sup>4</sup> ʌn'plezənt ə'baʊt ɪt | aɪm 'nɒt sə'praɪzd<sup>15</sup> | hɪz<sup>11-14</sup> bi:n  
'geɪn 'mɔ:r<sup>4</sup> ənd<sup>12</sup> 'mɔ: 'bæd 'tempəd<sup>15</sup> 'leɪtli | 'evrɪbɒdɪz<sup>11</sup> 'neʊtɪst<sup>16</sup> ɪt | 'evə  
sɪnz ɪ<sup>9</sup> 'hæd<sup>2</sup> ðæt<sup>13</sup> 'mi:tɪŋ ət ðə 'hed 'ɒfɪs | hi<sup>14</sup> əz<sup>9</sup> bi:n 'kwɔɪt ʌn'beərəbəl |  
'jes | aɪ 'neʊ ɪz<sup>9-11</sup> 'ɡɒt ə 'lɒt ɒn ɪz<sup>9</sup> 'pleɪt ət ðə 'məʊmənt | bət ðəz<sup>11</sup> 'ri:li  
'neʊ 'ni:d tə bi 'ru:d tə 'sʌmwən ɪn 'frʌnt əv 'evrɪbɒdi 'els | hi<sup>14</sup> 'meɪd mi 'fi:l  
əz ɪf aɪ əd<sup>9</sup> dʒəst 'kɪd<sup>15</sup> sʌmbədi<sup>17</sup> | aɪ 'tel ju | aɪ 'θɪŋk ɪ<sup>9</sup> 'mi:nz<sup>11</sup> tə 'meɪk mi  
'peɪ fə 'ðɪs | əʊ aɪ 'ʃʊdənt<sup>1</sup> 'wʌri 'tu: 'mʌtʃ ə'baʊt ɪt | hi<sup>14</sup> əv<sup>9</sup> fə'ɡɒtən 'ɔ:l  
ə'baʊt ɪt bʌɪ tə'mɒrəʊ | hi<sup>14</sup> 'ɔ:lweɪz 'dʌz<sup>3</sup> | ɪts<sup>5</sup> 'wʌn əv ɪz<sup>9</sup> 'fju: 'ɡʊd 'kwɒlətɪz<sup>11</sup>



**Phonetics and Phonology**  
**Spring 2007**

**Exercise III part 3**

*Transcribe the following passage in the space provided below (pay special attention to weak forms).*

*Then check it with the key at the bottom of the page.*

- He will if I'm not late again, but this is the fourth time I've been late this month. When it's not roadworks, it's a broken down bus. I really must manage to get here on time from now on.
- I'd do my very best if I were you. You mustn't underestimate him, not with all these goal-achieving policies he's always ranting about. Besides, there are quite a few people around that would love to have a go at your job. Nothing personal, you understand. It's just pure climbing.
- Oh, I do know. And I will try. Like you said, this place is teeming with competitors and getting on the wrong side of Jenkins is not the best way to keep them at bay. I've already changed jobs twice in the last three years. I don't want to go through all that again.

| hi<sup>14</sup> 'wɪl ɪf aɪm 'nɒt 'leɪt ə'gen | bət 'ðɪs ɪz ðə 'fɔ:θ 'taɪm | aɪv bi:n 'leɪt ðɪs 'mʌnθ  
| wen ɪts<sup>5</sup> 'nɒt 'rɔ:əd wɜ:kz<sup>5</sup> | ɪts<sup>5</sup> ə 'brəʊkən daʊn 'bʌs | aɪ 'rɪəli 'mʌst<sup>8</sup> 'mænɪdʒ  
tə get 'hɪə<sup>4</sup> ɒn 'taɪm frəm 'naʊ 'ɒn | aɪd 'du:² maɪ 'veri 'best ɪf 'aɪ wə 'ju:⁸ | ju  
'mʌsənt¹ ʌndə'restɪmənt ɪm⁹ | 'nɒt wɪð 'ɔ:l ði:z 'gəʊl ə'tʃi:vɪŋ 'pɒlɪsɪz¹¹ | hɪz¹¹-¹⁴  
'ɔ:lweɪz 'ræntɪŋ əbaʊt | bɪ'saɪdʒ | ðə<sup>4</sup>ə 'kwɔɪt ə 'fju: 'pi:pəl ə'raʊnd | ðæt wʊd¹⁸  
'lʌv tə 'hæv² ə 'gəʊl ət 'jɔ: 'dʒɒb | 'nʌθɪŋ 'pɜ:sənəl ju ʌndə'stænd | ɪts<sup>5</sup> 'dʒʌst⁶  
'pɜ:¹⁹ 'klaɪmɪŋ | əʊ aɪ 'du:⁸ 'nəʊ | ənd¹² aɪ 'wɪl 'traɪ | 'laɪk ju 'sed | 'ðɪs plɛɪs ɪz  
'ti:mɪŋ wɪð kəm'petɪtɪz¹¹ | ənd¹² 'getɪŋ ɒn ðə 'rɒŋ saɪd əv \*'dʒɛŋkɪnz | ɪz 'nɒt ðə  
'best weɪ tə 'ki:p ðəm ət 'beɪ | aɪv ɔ:l'redɪ 'tʃeɪndʒd¹⁵ 'dʒɒbz¹¹ 'twɑɪs ɪn ðə 'lɑ:st  
θri: 'jɪəz¹¹ | aɪ 'deʊnt²⁰ 'wɒnt tə 'gəʊl θru: 'ɔ:l 'ðæt¹³ ə'gen |