

## Homework No. 7

(due at beginning of class Monday, May 24)

1. It is clear that babies and adults do not learn language in the same way; there is something fundamentally different about acquiring one's native language as a child versus learning a foreign language as an adult. Think about what the differences are and write down any thoughts and observations you come up with (write about 10 sentences). (50 points)
2. Observe your own speech and that of others to spot speech errors. Write down five such slips of the tongue, specifying what was actually said, what was (probably) intended to be said, and give a short explanation of the nature of each error. (cf. Language File 9.7 for examples—but you must find your own errors) (50 points)
3. Bonus question: Using the web, find out what Spoonerisms are. Provide a short explanation and give five examples for (supposedly) original Spoonerisms. Include a reference to the web site(s) you used. (20 points extra)