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ABBREVIATIONS

abessive ABBESS ABL ablative case ABS absolute ADJ adjective ACC accusative ADVadverb

ADVP adverbial phrase AGR agreement ALL allative case AOR aorist

ΑP adjective phrase APPL applicative

CAUS

GER

CGEL Cambridge Grammar of the English Language

CGE Comprehensive Grammar of English

causative

classifier CLF

COMP complementizer CONJ conjunction DAT dative case DO direct object **ELAT** elative ERG ergative ESS essive FOC focus GEN genitive

gerund Government and Binding GB

IMP imperative IND indicative **INSTR** instrumental

IPFV imperfective aspect LFG Lexical-Functional Grammar

logophoric LOG

Minimalist Program MP NOM nominative case NΡ noun phrase



viii LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

OBLQ	oblique
00	oblique object
OPT	optative
PART	participle
PFV	perfective aspect
PL	plural
POSS	possessive
PRS	present
PRT	participle
PRTV	partitive
PP	prepositional phrase
P&P	Principles and Parameters
PROG	progressive
PROP	proprietive
PST	past
RRG	Role and Reference Grammar
S	subject
SG	singular
SG	Systemic grammar
SPE	Sound Pattern of English
SUB	subjunctive
SUP	supine
TRANSL	translative
VOC	vocative
VP	verb phrase
1	first person
2	second person
3	third person
2PL	second-person plural, etc.
1SG	first-person singular, etc.



PHONETIC SYMBOLS FOR ENGLISH VOWELS

i	as in see	/si/
I	as in <i>pit</i>	/pɪt/
e	as in <i>pet</i>	/pet/
a	as in <i>pat</i>	/pat/
α	as in <i>part</i>	/pat/
Э	as in <i>paw</i>	/pɔ:/
p	as in <i>pot</i>	/ppt/
σ	as in <i>put</i>	/pʊt/
Λ	as in <i>cup</i>	/kʌp/
u	as in too	/tu/
3	as in <i>bird</i>	/bsd/
9 3	as in <i>bird</i> as in <i>about</i>	/b3d/ /əbaʊt/
ə	as in <i>about</i>	/əbaʊt/
eı 9	as in <i>about</i> as in <i>pay</i>	/əbaʊt/ /peɪ/
9 61 9	as in <i>about</i> as in <i>pay</i> as in <i>home</i>	/əbaut/ /peɪ/ /həum/
อ ei อบ ai	as in <i>about</i> as in <i>pay</i> as in <i>home</i> as in <i>high</i>	/əbaʊt/ /peɪ/ /həʊm/ /hai/
ə ei əv ai av	as in about as in pay as in home as in high as in how	/əbaut/ /peɪ/ /həum/ /hai/ /hau/
ə ei əʊ ai aʊ	as in about as in pay as in home as in high as in how as in boy	/əbaʊt/ /peɪ/ /həʊm/ /hai/ /haʊ/ /bɔɪ/