

Tone Sandhi

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Class: Phonology

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Instructions*

Describe how tone sandhi works in the Molinos dialect of Mixtec (a Mixtecan language of the Oto-Manguean family, spoken in Mexico) using the data provided below. Assume the words by themselves show the inherent tone. What happens to the inherent tone in two-word expressions?

[ʒāʔā] ‘chiles’

[sókó] ‘spring’

[ʒùkù] ‘herbs’

[ʒìtʃí] ‘dry’

[ʒāʔā ʒìtʃí] ‘dry chiles’

[sókó ʒìtʃí] ‘dry spring’

[ʒùkù ʒìtʃí] ‘dry herbs’

[kùkù] ‘four’

[kùkù ʒáʔá] ‘four chiles’

[kùkù sókó] ‘four springs’

[kùkù ʒùkù] ‘four herbs’

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