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Where we've been and where we're going: a summary

1. Defining phonology

- a. the study of abstract, mental representations of sounds in languages
- b. different from e.g. phonetics
- c. should consist of an inventory of symbols; patterns; rules

2. Pattern recognition

- a. patterns are everywhere – and we know how to find them
- b. if something is patterned, that means we can predict it in novel cases

3. The symbols used in phonology

- a. APA
- b. IPA
- c. what the symbols mean and what characteristics of sounds they represent
- d. how you can recognize patterns based on those characteristics

4. Phonology problems

- a. the basics: recognition, description, explanation
- b. allophonic vs. phonemic relationships
- c. neutralization
- d. interacting processes

5. Refining our theory

- a. feature theory
- b. typology
- c. naturalness
- d. abstractness