

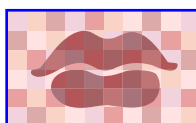
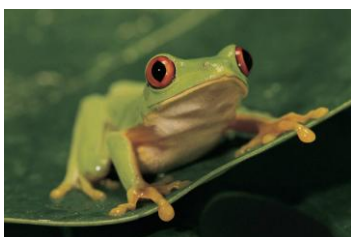


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Underlying Representation



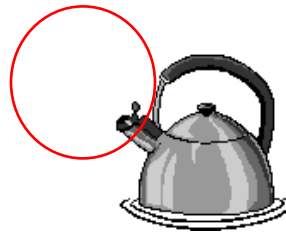
Frog Or Prince?



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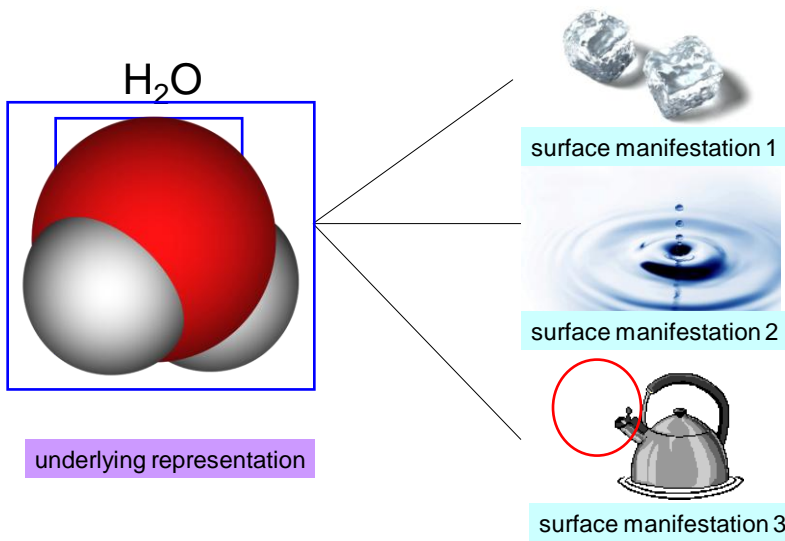
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Hidden realities

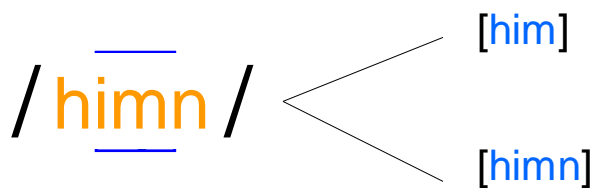


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Examples from English

hymn [him]
 hymnal [himnəl]

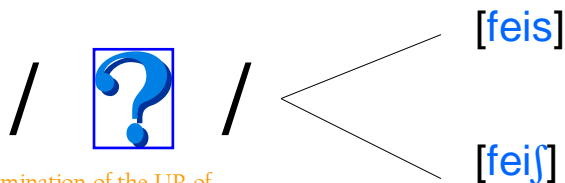


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Examples from English

face [feis]
 facial [feɪʃiəl]



Determination of the UR of
 "face" would depend on
 evidence

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Underlying Representation

An **underlying representation** (UR) is a representation of a hidden reality.

If we have reasons to believe that different observable forms are so related as to be really the same thing, postulating an UR allows us to capture that insight.

An UR is **theory/hypothesis**, not fact. It is acceptable only on the strength of evidence.

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The End

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