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Perception of the intonation of interrogativeness vs incompleteness in the interfered Russian speech of the Evenks

Abstract

The perception of oral speech can undoubtedly be attributed to one of the most complex processes in language, since the observer does not have direct access to the sounds, but only to the reactions associated with them. Every language has a perceptual base that allows a person not only to hear but also to carry out a number of procedures aimed at identifying and cognizing what he / she has heard by comparing it with the patterns in the mind representing a combination of significant phonetic features. Meanwhile, the researcher observes listeners' reactions trying to systematize these features and the mechanisms of their perception and interpretation. This paper reports the results of Russian speakers' perception analysis of the interfered Russian speech of the Evenks on the example of affirmative sentences with the intonation of incompleteness and general questions. The results show that Russian interfered speech of the Evenks is positively perceived by Russian native speakers. Even if the accent is identified, it results in no difficulties in perceiving information. Universal patterns are best perceived, such as the opposition of raising / lowering the tone in various communicative types. Monotony and recitativeness of speech are the main signs of interference caused by such melodic features as a small dynamic range, the step-like pitch contour on all segments of the utterance. The brighter the manifestation of these signs, the more difficulties arise in the process of identification.

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