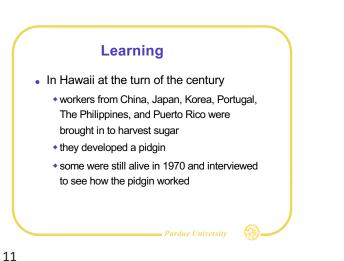
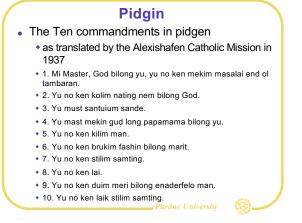


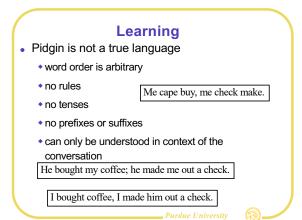
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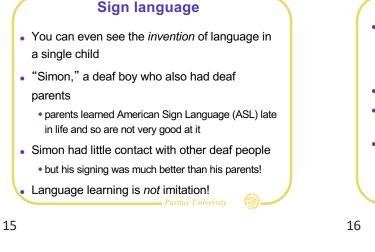
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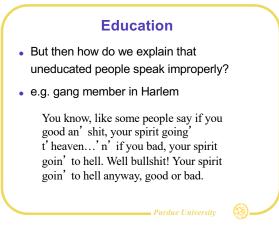




- The children of these workers speak very differently
 - if removed from parents (and so unable to learn native tongue)
 - they transform the pidgin into a *full-fledged language*
 - » tenses, rules, prefixes, suffixes,...
- Find the same type of transformations among children learning sign-language

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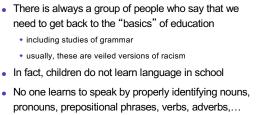
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- Nicaraguan schools for the deaf (1979)
 - tried to teach children to lip-read (poor results)
 - but children started making a pidgin on the playground
 - » Lenguaje de Signos Nicaraguense (LSN)
- New students took the pidgin and created a language (creole)
 - Idioma de Signos Nicarguense (ISN)

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Education

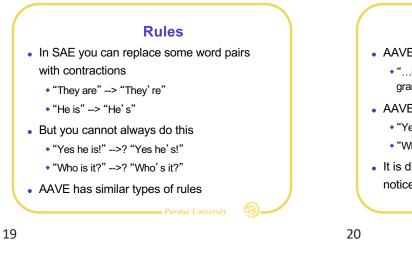


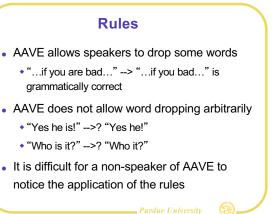
- Education *is* good for reading and writing
 - but writing is dramatically different from speaking
 - and reading is dramatically different from listening

Education

- This person is *not* speaking with bad grammar, but he is also not speaking in Standard American English (SAE)
- He's speaking in a dialect called African American Vernacular English (AAVE)
- Both languages have certain rules
- His statements obey the rules of AAVE precisely!
- Consider contractions of words

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LanguageSo if everyone is speaking a language, which

- none, they are just different
- they are different *dialects* of English
- Linguist Max Weinreich

is correct?

- "A language is a dialect with an army and a navy."
- The dialect you speak may give away your personal history, but it is not fundamentally worse than any other dialect.

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- Language is an instinct
 - specialized skill among humans
 - children need little tutoring to learn language
 - children invent language if one is not readily available
- Language follows rules
 - even when it doesn't seem to

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