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This paper presents the results obtained from a questionnaire designed to elicit preferred morphological forms from speakers of New Zealand English (NZE). The questionnaire was based on one used by Johansson (1979), and a few of the questions were common to the two questionnaires. The questionnaire was developed to study the feasibility of eliciting grammatical forms of NZE by this method. A second aim was to compare the results obtained with those already obtained by Johansson (1979) for British and American English. It quickly became clear that not all of the questions included by Johansson were of interest in the New Zealand context, and also that there were many other things which were of interest which Johansson had not included. single questionnaire to include all the relevant material was out of the question, since it would be far too long to be answered comfortably by informants without loss of concentration. Accordingly, a shorter questionnaire was devised, which focused on morphology. Even in this, there were 44 items, which took informants approximately 15-20 minutes to complete. The questionnaire was administered to a second year Linguistics class at Victoria University in 1986. Although 80 sets of responses were obtained, and leave when non-native and non-NZE speakers had been filtered out there were 44 usable sets of responses, 29 from females, 15 from males. These figures are not sufficient for this test to be seen as anything other than a pilot test, and strictly speaking the population sampled was the population of second year university humanities students, rather than the population of speakers of NZE. It is not clear what differences this has made.

A copy of the instructions for the questionnaire appears as an appendix to this paper. The use of the phrase 'extremely unusual' in the questionnaire turned out to be unfortunate, since it was apparently interpreted by some informants as 'something that I would not expect to hear every day'. However, as far as can be seen, this has not made any difference to the results obtained.

The 44 test items were presented in random order. The random order was obtained by ordering the test sentences alphabetically by the nth letter in the sentence, where n was a number chosen at random. As a result, some items turned up closer together than might have been desirable, but in general the sentences were well sorted. from the questionnaire were entered in the University's IBM4341 computer, and statistics were calculated using the SAS statistical package. Statistical results are presented below only where they appear likely to clarify matters. For each question the acceptability rating was noted, and whether or not a relevant change had been made. The highest acceptability rating was noted as 1, the lowest as 5.2 Irrelevant corrections that did not affect the point being considered were counted as no correction; irrelevant corrections that masked the point being considered (as when a different verb was chosen, or a sentence re-written so as to have an infinitive in the place of the past participle under consideration) were omitted from all statistical Where informants did not provide an acceptability rating, that was also ignored for statistical purposes.

It turned out that there was a good correlation between a sentence being judged acceptable and no relevant correction being made, despite a fairly large number of irrelevant The correlation, using a Spearman Correlation corrections. There was no significant Coefficient, was about 0.87. difference between the ways in which males and females marked acceptability ratings (based on a Student's t statistic), but there was a significant difference (t = 2.82 on 42 degrees of freedom, p < 0.01) in the number of relevant corrections This difference, however, made by males and females. does not seem to be attributable to answers on specific questions, but to be a slight general tendency over all Females made more relevant corrections the questions. on average than did males.

Various corrections would be made to the questionnaire format if this type of experiment were repeated. In particular, it would probably be worthwhile salting the

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(43) The roofs on both my outhouses collapsed in the earthquake.

(17) When she fell off her horse, she was hit

by two of its hoofs. (40) Animals that have hooves are called ungulates.

(25) The wharfs were deserted at that time of night.

spoil and a (33) The strike has stopped work on all the wharves in New Zealand.

Standard descriptions (e.g. those derivable from Fowler (1965), Quirk et al. (1985), Weiner & Hawkins (1984) and standard English dictionaries) suggest that both hoof and wharf are found with either plural, but that the -fs

plural is more common, while the plural of roof is roofs. The situation in NZE as reflected by the answers to this questionnaire is radically different. The -ves plural was overwhelmingly preferred in every case - including My impression is that this would also reflect pronunciation of these items, although there is no guarantee that spelling and pronunciation should reflect each other in such cases. The result is only partially reflected in the NZE dictionaries. The NZPO gives only roofs and wharfs as plural forms, but both hoofs and hooves. The CCED lists both hoofs and hooves, wharfs and wharves, and puts the -ves form first, but lists only roofs which it says is pronounced /rufs/ or /ruvz/. The HNZD allows either plural for hoof and roof, but only lists the -ves plural for wharf.

The figures for -fs plurals as opposed to -ves plurals are presented below. It will be noted that more people used roofs than either hoofs or wharfs, which presumably reflects the English and/or historical pattern. Interestingly enough, most of the roofs responses arise from people failing to correct (43), in which they were presented with roofs, rather than from correction in (1). course thone that o are

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A further example of noun plurals was added to the questionnaire as a distractor:

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As expected, this was generally rejected, only two informants failing to change it to some version of campuses (although spelling and the use of apostrophes were obviously not among the informants' strong points!). Targett Tr. of Park. 121

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(12) Are you coming, you bunch of layabouts?

As might be expected, given the social class of the informants and the fact that the questionnaire was presented in written form, you was preferred by almost everyone. No-one changed you to yous in (12) and only six informants left yous in (32), although some added marginal comments to indicate that they recognized the usage. (20) him begreed the letters, and left the groom, in any

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THE THE LESS OF THE SHE SHE SHE WAS A CON-4.1 Regular versus irregular stem + ed forms

Quirk et al. (1985:105-106) comment that for the verbs burn, learn, smell, spell, spill and spoil 'the irregular -t spelling [in the past tense and past participle] is generally rare in AmE. In BrE, the -t spelling is of varying frequency, but the /t/ pronunciation is widely current and again that 'there is a tendency to associate -t forms ... more with [the past participle] than with [the past tense], and with [the past tense] when there is least implication of duration'. Johansson (1979:206), on the basis of his study, concludes: 15 15 two in antifactor have been to

- (i) The t-form is almost completely lacking in AE;
- (ii) In BE the t-form is the preferred choice. though ed-forms are also frequent;
- (111) The frequency of ed-forms in BE varies depending on the particular verb. o organistico o b

for the Ellisten opre-In this study, the following verbs were included in the late this section: burn, dream, lean, learn, smell, spell, spoil and also, although they belong to a rather different and a class, fit and light. The test items used were the following:

> following, where (36) She learnt a lot during the course.

- (11) She had learnt how to speak English before she came.
- (37) He must have learned how to make himself useful.

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- (34) He learned painfully the proper way to ski.
- (27) The smoke smelled of burning rubber.
- (24) The inside of the fridge smelt funny.
- (4) Somehow I fitted it into my hand luggage.
- (38) When I tried it, the bolt fit the hole exactly.
- (30) My books were burned before I could get to them.
 - (8) The gorse was burnt very quickly.
- (13) The fire burned for hours.
- (20) Kim burned the letters, and left the room.
- (7) A flame burnt in her heart for many years. (15) When the flame caught, the ourtains burnt immediately.
- (35) He spelt his name in a strange way.
 - (9) She spelled out the implications very clearly.
 - (5) Lee lighted the fire with a lighter.
- (18) John lit a cigarette, and slouched back in his chair.
- (16) Ophelia spoiled my entrance completely.
- (19) It was Max who spoilt the game.
 - (3) I'd never have dreamed that it would be possible.
 - (6) She said that she dreamt of it every night.
- (42) He leant his elbow on the mantelpiece, trying to look relaxed.
- (14) When she leaned back on the chair, it broke.

The numerical results for these questions are set out in the first part of Table 1. Basically, these show a preference for the British option, rather than the American option, although there is a certain amount of lexical diffusion evident (though it is not clear in which direction any change is taking place). If we simply total the number in favour of each form from all the questions, we find the following, where the distribution appears to be reasonably significant."

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Lit is preferred to lighted, 78 to 8.

Spelt is preferred to spelled, 66 to 18.

Smelt is preferred to smelled, 78 to 10.

Learnt is preferred to learned, 114 to 62.

Spoilt is preferred to spoiled, 52 to 36.

Dream and lean go together in another group. In the case of dream, there were very few corrections, whichever form was presented. It thus seems that informants do not notice With lean in contrast, there was no this distinction. significant patterning in either direction for either question, despite the fact that there were many more changes for both questions than there were with dream. of burn is of interest with respect to a different hypothesis. In items (7) and (13) which were clearly marked as lasting a long time, there were very few corrections to the -ed past, but corrections to the -t past showed no significant trend in either direction. In items (15) and (20), which were marked as lacking duration, the opposite state of affairs is found, as it is in (8) and (30), where the past participle is used. Quirk et al.'s comments on duration thus appear to hold for NZE, too.

There is very little data in my results to support the hypothesis that the past tense and the past participle might act differently with respect to regular versus irregular morphology. More people changed learned to learnt when it was a past participle than when it was a past tense, but the results are not striking. Marginally more people changed burned to burnt when it was a passive participle than when it was a past tense, but that difference is not significant. The evidence, then, is slightly on the side of Quirk et al.'s observation for British English, but far from overwhelming.

TABLE 2: Results for Four Items from Johansson (1979) Column headings as for Table 1.

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In four cases items in this questionnaire were identical to or fundamentally the same as items from Johansson's (1979) questionnaire. The items in question were (20), (27), (35) and (36). In each case the mean acceptability

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rating, the number of corrections and relevant changes were calculated, and these are presented in Table 2.5 The distributions of acceptability ratings in Johansson's data for speakers of British English and for speakers of American English were also compared with the distribution of acceptability ratings for the NZE speakers in my data, with the following results. In item (20) (use of burned as a past tense form) the NZE results are not significantly different from the American English results, but are significantly different from the British English results. In item (27) (use of smelled as a past tense form), the NZE results are not significantly different from the British English results, but are significantly different from the American English results. In item (35) (use of spelt in the past tense) the NZE results are not significantly different from the British English results, but are significantly different from the American English results. And in item (36) (use of learnt in the past tense) the NZE results are significantly different from both the British and the American English results. There is thus some evidence that NZE is not simply a reflection of British English in the use of these past tense and past mediant participle forms. but nothing a feet a feet a feet with the days a contained

4.2 Forms of 'to prove'

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The use of the participle proven (variously pronounced) is well established in NZE. Yet Gordon's (1980:112) advice de clear; man a fare on all general sau la relea el si sedi

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A.J Forms of 'to ser' This clearly does not reflect actual NZE usage. A query must also be placed beside a later statement on the same forms (Gordon 1985), which I unfortunately did not uncover but until after the results from the questionnaire were in:

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The items used to elicit participial forms of 'prove'

- (21) Linguistics has proven too difficult for me.
- (31) My experience as a teacher has proved useful again and again.
- (41) This theorem has been proven by every student in the class.
- (44) The case has been proved beyond all reasonable doubt.

Both of examples (21) and (31) were intransitive, and illustrated the past participle. If Gordon were correct, therefore, we should expect to find no tokens of proven in the answers to these questions. In fact, there were more proven responses to (21) and (31) than there were proved responses: 45 to 38. But this is not particularly illuminating. In (21) there was a significant tendency (z = 3.16, p < 0.01) to leave proven, while in (31) there was a much less significant tendency to leave proved (z = 2.13, p < 0.05). With the passive sentences (41) and (44), where, according to Gordon we should find proven, the tendencies are less marked. In (41) there is a significant, but not highly significant, tendency to leave proven (z = 2.41,p < 0.05), but in (44) there is no significant tendency to leave or to change proved. Again there are more responses in favour of proven than proved (50 to 38), but again this does not tell us a great deal.

In general it seems that there is a slight tendency to prefer proven to proved. If Gordon (1985) is correct that it is easier to use proven in transitive sentences, it may be the case that proven is more widely used than proved across the board by this type of informant.

4.3 Forms of 'to get'

The use of gotten seems to be a recent innovation in NZE. Trudgill & Hannah (1982:45) point out that in American English gotten cannot be used with the meaning 'have'. Since I suspected that such subtleties were probably not appreciated by non-native speakers of American English, it seemed worth checking. Some of my examples for got/gotten were borrowed from Trudgill & Hannah, although item (2) was overheard

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The items used to elicit responses to forms of 'get'

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- (9) I've gotten plenty to eat now.
- (26) They've gotten me into trouble again.
- (28) I've got myself out of worse positions in the past.
- (29) Don't tell me I've got it wrong again.
- (39) I've got the idea now.

The most striking thing about the responses to these items is the low number of changes to got, which shows clearly that this is the dominant form, although not everyone changed gotten to got. It is noticeable, however, that where get means 'have' in items (9) and (39), far fewer informants are happy to leave gotten. There was a particularly low number of relevant responses for item (9) (27 out of a possible 44) because so many informants changed the verb to have. It thus seems that informants are aware of the difference in past participle forms when get means A second hypothesis, suggested to me by a student who uses gotten, is that gotten only occurs (or occurs preferentially) before vowels. This hypothesis was tested with items (2) and (29) (with get before a vowel) and (26) and (28) (with get before a consonant). While significantly more informants left gotten before a vowel than before a consonant (z = 2.22, p < 0.05), significantly more informants also changed got to gotten before a consonant than before a vowel (z = 3.62, p < 0.01). This apparent contradiction cannot be explained on the basis of this hypothesis.

It is clear that got is preferred to gotten, but there is not sufficient evidence to suggest whether gotten is increasing in particular areas. FRIT

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4.4 Concord

Two examples were included that involved concord with the noun linguistics.

- (21) Linguistics has proven too difficult for me.
- (23) What are linguistics, anyway?

Only two informants changed (21) to Linguistice have ..., and only 10 informants left (23) with plural concord (and of these, some seem to have misread the sentence as What are linguists, anyway?). Unsurprisingly, singular concord is the dominant choice.

4.5 Dictionaries

The forms listed by the three NZE dictionaries for the verbs discussed in this section are listed in Table 3, along with the forms listed in Webster's Third New International Dictionary (1966) as a representative American dictionary and Hamlyn's Ecyclopedic World Distionary (1971) as a representative British dictionary not related to any of the NZE dictionaries. Results from this study are included in the last column. As can be seen from the table, none of the NZE dictionaries is entirely accurate. In particular. those that mention proven and gotten tend to say they are archaic, literary, American or Scottish (as relevant) and yet both are found in NZE, and, in particular, proven is very common. The tendency for NZE to be like British English as opposed to American English can also be seen from Table 3, although it can also be seen that the likeness does not imply identity.

TABLE 3: Verb Morphology Listed in Various Dictionaries

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A single form indicates that only one is listed. A form preceded by an asterisk indicates that both are listed in the dictionary, but the one given here is preferred (by being listed first). The form given for this study is the preferred one.

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Of course, many questions remain. Is the preference for -ves plurals shown for all relevant items, or do some still have -fs? Does the finding here generalize to Is Gordon right that proven is more common -the plurals? in transitive sentences? If gotten is spreading, what factors encourage its appearance? Which of these variables are affected by social factors such as age and socio-economic These and other questions will have to await further study. The third of the best of the state of the same

In particular there are two questions which were not specifically addressed in this study, but which ought to be considered in any further study of these matters.

- (1) Is the pronunciation of the past tense/past participle forms more consistent than the written form? That is, do people who write dreamed, for example, still pronounce it /drempt/? preference for the forms like et in ile require
- (ii) Is it always the case that adjectival function encourages the use of the irregular form? The Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English suggests that this is true for burn, and there is a semantic distinction between a learnt speech and a learned speech (but note the disyllabic pronunciation of learned in this last example). Do people who otherwise say proved say things like a proven effect? Is there

an implicational hierarchy such that the past participle is more regular than the passive participle is more regular than a participle used in attributive position?

It is clear that there is much more work to be done in descriptive morphology within NZE.

NOTES COLL FOR THE STATE OF THE ¹I should like to thank Steve Haslett of the Institute of Statistics and Operations Research at Victoria University for telling me what to ask SAS, and how to phrase it so that SAS would understand. He is hereby absolved from any responsibility for any misuse to which I have put his expertise, or the results that it generated.

As an aside on statistical tests, statements of significance about relevant change/no correction to the stimulus sentences used a test statistic (z) based on the normal approximation to the binomial (Spiegel 1972). Mean acceptabilities and usages dependent on sex were compared using t-tests.

²This, I later discovered, is the reverse of what was done in Johansson (1979). This does not matter for the present paper, but means that mean acceptability ratings are not directly comparable between the two papers.

The three NZE dictionaries are referred to in this paper by their initials: HNZD is the Heinemann New Zealand Dictionary (1979), CCED is the Collins Concise English Dictionary (New Zealand edition, 1982), and NZPO is the New Zealand Pocket Oxford Dictionary (1986).

I have not given figures for this significance, since they vary for the two members of the pair. The results for light and smell show a clear and statistically significant preference for the forms listed in the text from both questions: for question (5), with lighted presented, most changed it to lit, z = 4.0, p < 0.01, and for question (18) with lit presented, all informants left it, z = 6.6, p < 0.01; for question (24) with smelt presented no-one changed it, z = 6.6, p < 0.01 and with question (27) with smelled presented, most informants changed it to smalt, and z = 3.6,

p < 0.01. Fit and spoil almost make the same category, but the significance of change on items (16) and (38) is far lower. For spell and learn very few informants change from the British form to the American form, although when presented with the regular -ed ending, the number who change it to -t is not significant.

⁵I should like to thank Stig Johansson for making figures available to me so that the various calculations could be made. For reasons explained elsewhere, the mean acceptability rating given for Johansson's data is not the same as the one given in his (1979) paper, but rather one which allows direct comparability with my figures.

The difference was tested using a 1-way non-parametric analysis of variance and a significance level of 0.01.

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In this questionnaire you are presented with a number of sentences which have been produced by foreign speakers of English. Some of the sentences may sound strange to you - because of the choice of words, the grammatical construction used etc. Your task is

- (1) to rate each sentence on a five-point scale ranging from 'the sentence is completely normal and idiomatic' at one end to 'the sentence is extremely unnatural and abnormal' at the other;
- (2) to change the sentence (if necessary) to the form you would have used yourself.

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