

Key to the Palaulan problem

1. Stress in *not* phonemic: The final syllable is stressed if it is heavy. Identify the process and formulate the rule representing this process.
2. *Unstressed Vowel Reduction*: Vowels are reduced to schwa in unstressed positions. Identify the process and formulate the rule representing this process.
3. Underlying Forms:

/daŋob/

/ŋetom/

/ʔarom/

/teʔib/

/tabak/

/sesob/

Compare these forms with the surface forms and comment.