

- Target-undershoot in vowel production is, at least for some speakers, not caused by mechanical limitations of the articulators (this thesis).
- The effects of speaking rate on vowel production are different from those of 'other' styles of speaking (this thesis).
- The importance of the (immediate) context is underrated in current experiments on vowel identification (this thesis).
- If your experiment needs statistics, you ought to have done a better experiment (attributed to E. Rutherford).
- A theory that explains all the facts is bound to be wrong because some of the facts will be wrong (attributed to F. Crick).
- Never believe a fact before it has been confirmed by theory (attributed to Eddington).
- In the past we believed that our fate was in the stars, now we believe it is in our genes (adapted? from J.D. Watson).
- In the old days it was said that faith could move mountains and no one believed it. Now it is said that an atomic bomb can move a mountain and no one doubts it (B. Russel, *the impact of science on society*).
- The body of this thesis (chapters 1 to 7) contains a total of X 'words'. It was written using only Y distinct 'words' of which Z1 occur only once and Z2 only twice. The entropy is H.
- The animosity of many Dutch towards Germans living in the Netherlands has its roots in unresolved feelings of inferiority.