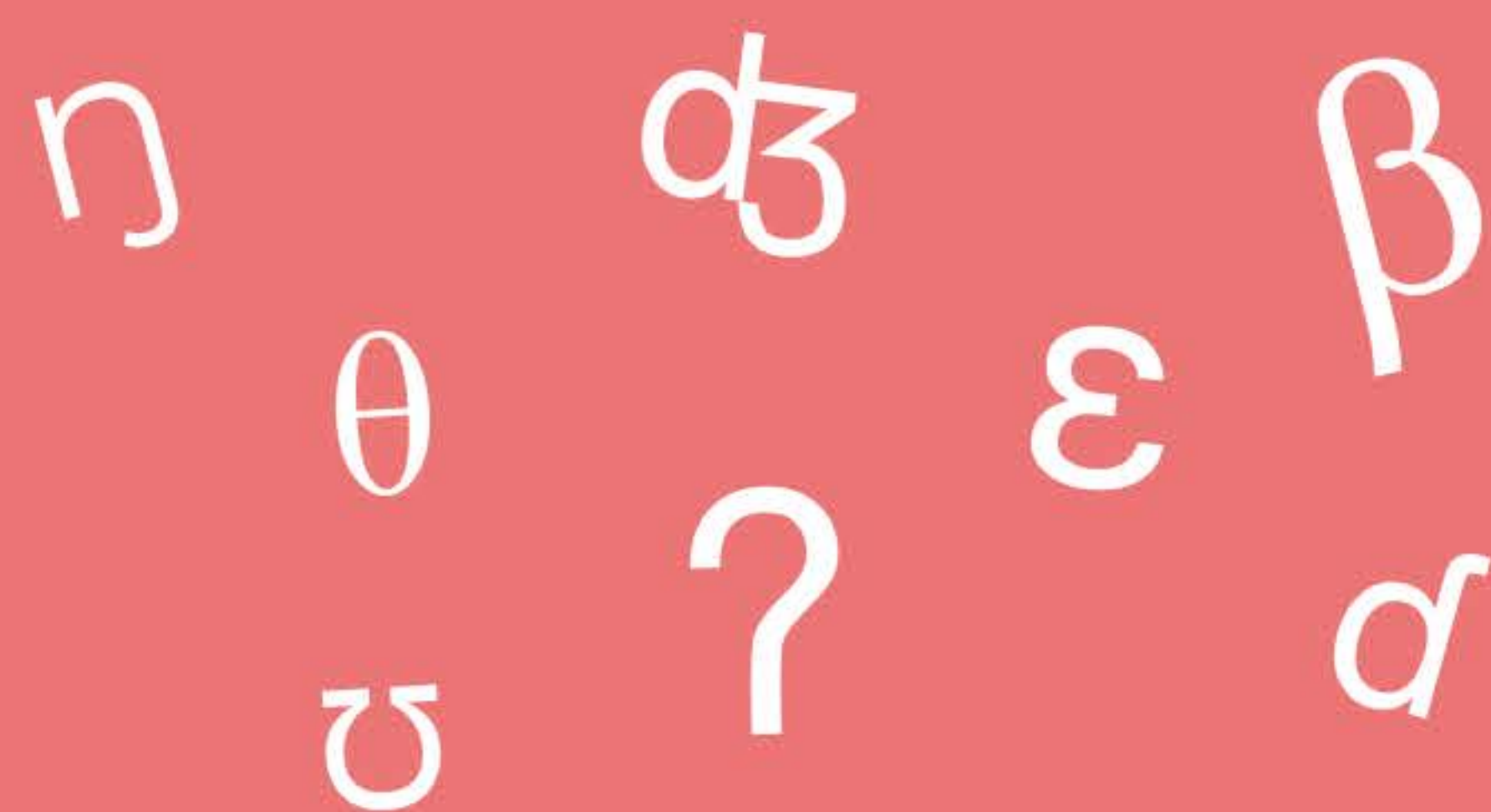


# GUIDING A LINGUISTICS TEAM PROJECT

A team-based phonetic analysis of three linguistic phenomena in a non-English language

## Previous Problems

- Teamwork was underutilized
- Projects seemed rushed
- Little chance for feedback from instructor
- Phonetic analysis underwhelming



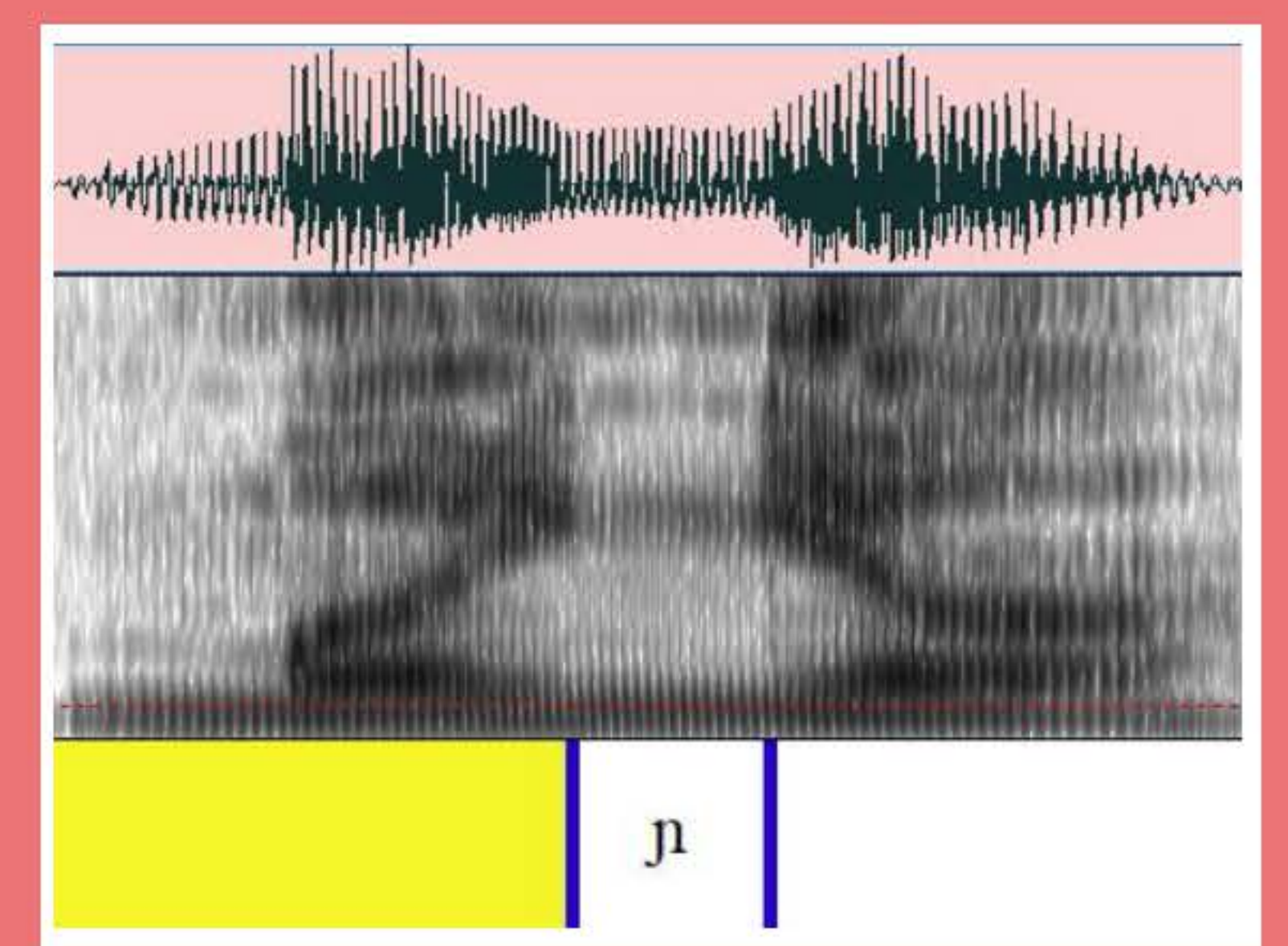
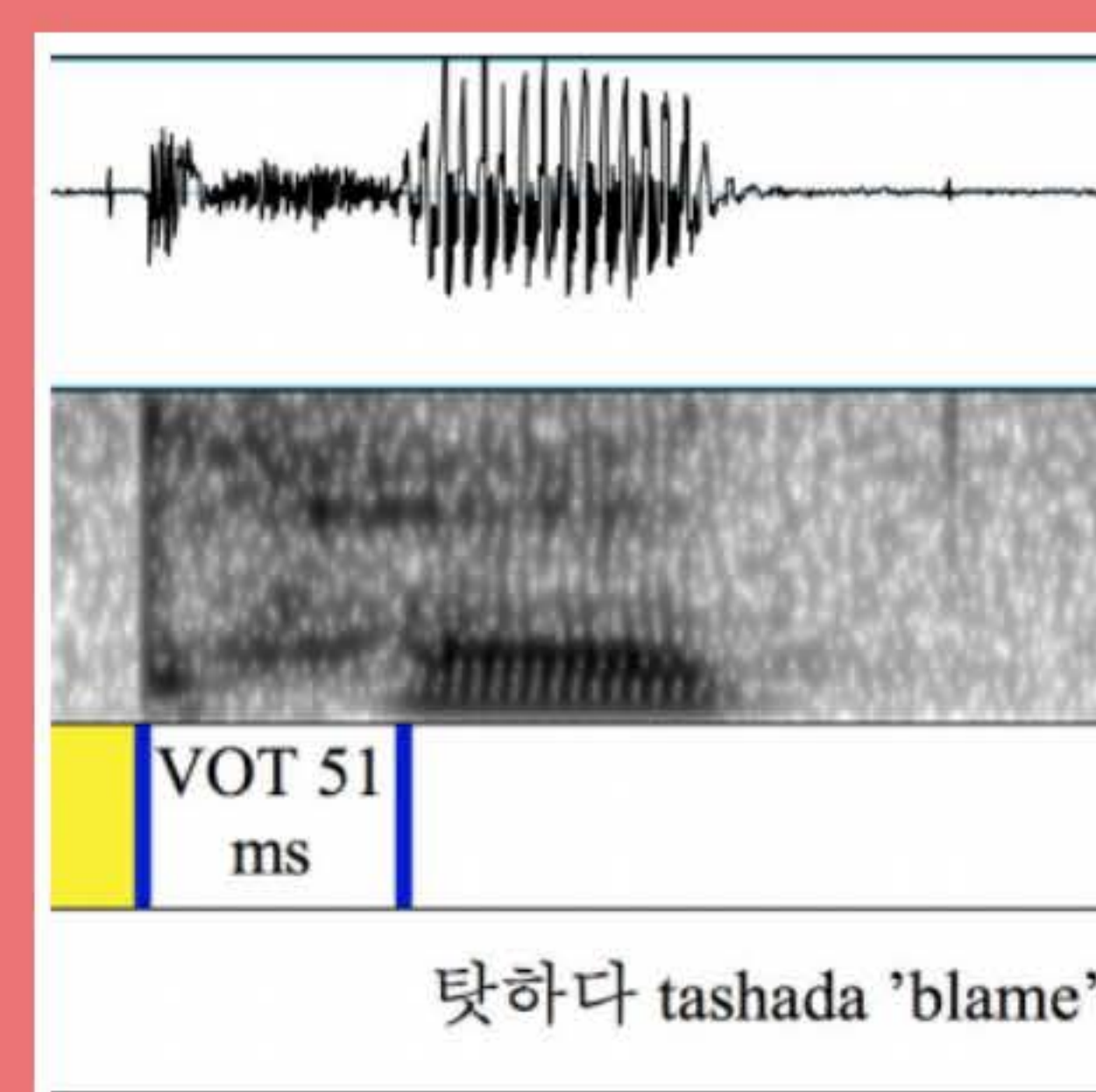
## Changes for SP18

5-step process throughout semester:

- Choose a language and describe its sound inventory & sociolinguistic situation (done individually)
- Form teams, choose one language & make a list of words
- Propose 5 potential interesting topics in the language
- Choose one topic and do the phonetic analysis
- Complete final two topics; write the paper

## Results

- Results still in progress! (Final paper due during Finals Week)
- Teamwork skills and cohesion have increased
- Projects are more fleshed out
- Phonetic analysis more in-line with graduate-level expectations



## Remaining Issues

- Late drop date has stranded some teams with few members
- Make better use of peer feedback
- Hold students who do not contribute more accountable earlier

