Figure 6.1  Third person singular -s/-es absence: an example of sharp stratification.

Figure 6.2  Postvocalic r absence: an example of gradient stratification.
Figure 7.1  /æ/ raising and /a/ fronting in Detroit, by social class and sex (adapted from Fasold 1968).

Socioeconomic class (SEC) scale: 0–1, lower class; 2–4, working class; 5–6, 7–8, lower middle class; 9, upper middle class. A, casual speech; B, careful speech; C, reading style; D, word list.