

WHAT IS LINGUISTICS?



LINGUISTICS IS THE
SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF
HUMAN NATURAL
LANGUAGE.

THEORETICAL LINGUISTICS

INVOLVES THE SYSTEMATIC AND
ANALYTICAL STUDY OF:

SPEECH SOUNDS, WORDS,

SENTENCES, MEANING, AND

DISCOURSE, AND HOW THEY

EVOLVE OVER TIME.

APPLIED LINGUISTICS

INVOLVES:

THE MENTAL, SOCIAL,

CULTURAL, AND

EDUCATIONAL

ASPECTS OF LANGUAGE.

WHAT LINGUISTICS IS

NOT:

- ▶ Multilingualism or polyglottism
- ▶ Translation or interpretation
- ▶ Prescriptive grammar

SUBFIELDS OF LINGUISTICS INCLUDE:

- ▶ Phonetics and Phonology
- ▶ Morphology
- ▶ Syntax
- ▶ Semantics
- ▶ Pragmatics
- ▶ Sociolinguistics

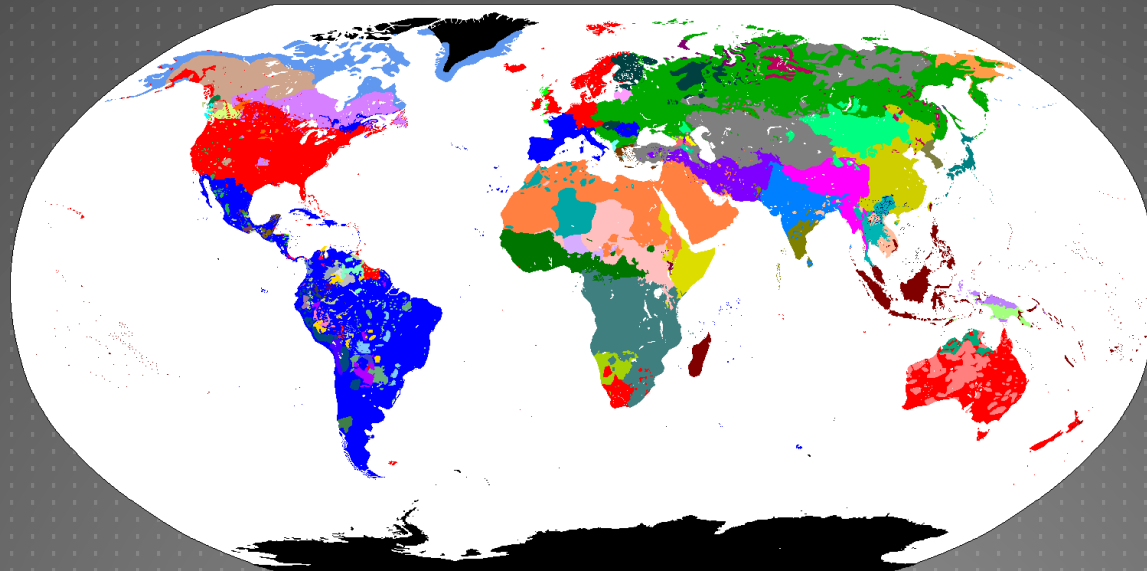
- ▶ Historical Linguistics
- ▶ First and Second Language Acquisition
- ▶ Psycholinguistics and Psychology of Language
- ▶ Neurolinguistics
- ▶ Evolution of Language
- ▶ Study of Writing Systems

THE FIRST STEP TO STUDYING
LINGUISTICS IS TO
OPEN YOUR EARS!



LINGUISTS ARE
INTERESTED IN
QUESTIONS LIKE:

HOW MANY LANGUAGES ARE THERE IN THE WORLD?

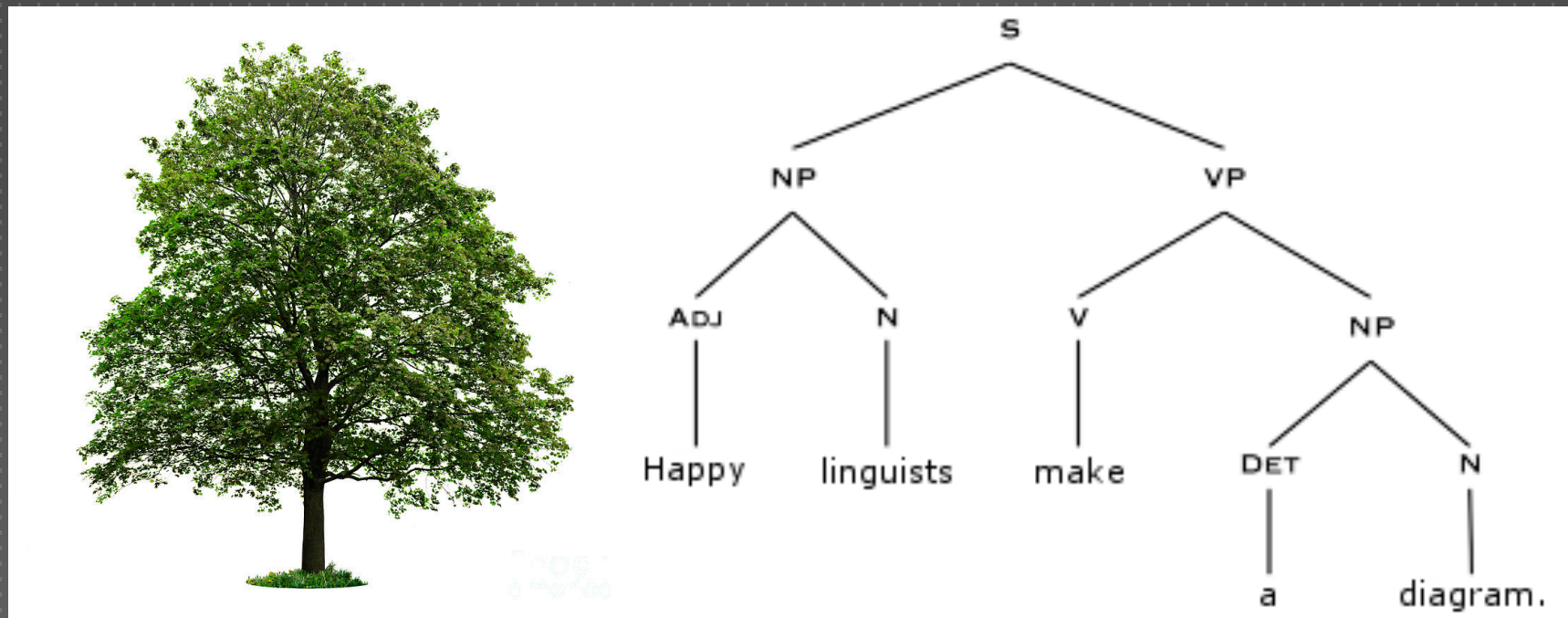


Human Language Families	
■ Uninhabited	■ Avarooan
■ Afro-Asiatic	■ Kartvelian
■ Berber	■ Khoisan
■ Chadic	■ Micro-JS
■ Cushitic	■ Malaco-Quacuru
■ Dravidic	■ Mayan
■ Omotic	■ Mesoalpan
■ Semitic	■ Niger-Congo
■ Alpic	■ Benku
■ Alaic	■ Nilo-Saharan
■ Japanese (possibly Alaic)	■ Nivkh (isolate)
■ Koreanic (possibly Alaic)	■ Pagan (several families)
■ Mongolic	■ Para-Nyngan
■ Tungusic	■ Panan
■ Turkic	■ Pontic
■ American Indian (several families)	■ Oto-Manguean
■ Anascanan	■ Quacruan
■ Arawakan	■ Salban
■ Arawakan	■ Salchan
■ Arawakan	■ Sino-Tibetan
■ Australian (several families)	■ Sinitic
■ Austro-Asiatic	■ Tardo-Burman
■ Austronesian	■ Siouan
■ Aymaran	■ Tacanan
■ Batakcan	■ Taikasia
■ Basque (isolate)	■ Trans-New Guinea
■ Boni-Milito	■ Tasmianic
■ Cariban	■ Tucanoan
■ Caspian	■ Tupian
■ Chibchan	■ Uralic
■ Choco	■ Feni-Ugric
■ Chukoto-Kamchatkan	■ Samoydic
■ Dene-Yeniseian	■ Uto-Aztecan
■ Dravidian	■ Velichan
■ Eskimo-Aleut	■ Yanomaman
■ Gwathoon	■ Yukaghir
■ Hmong-Mien	■ Zimuccon
■ Indo-European	
■ Albanian	
■ Armenian	
■ Baltic	
■ Celtic	
■ Germanic	
■ Greek	
■ Indic	
■ Iranian	
■ Romance	
■ Slavic	

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A LANGUAGE, A DIALECT, AND AN ACCENT?



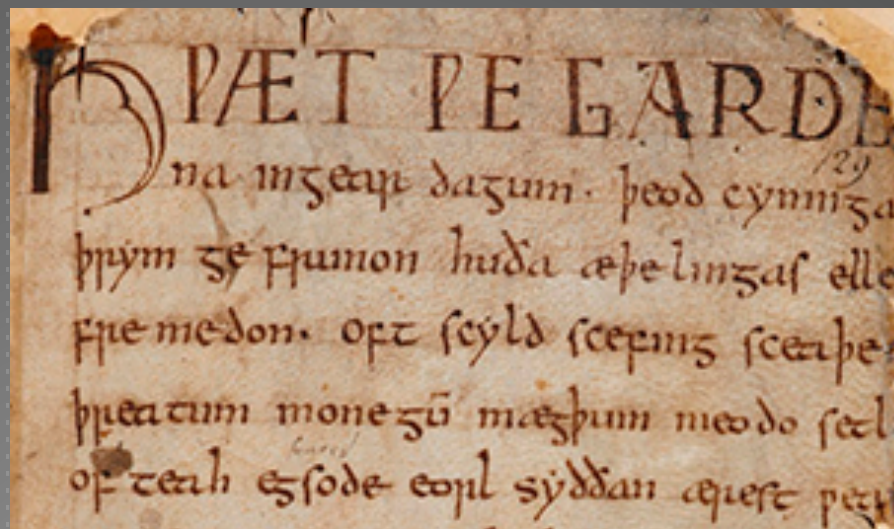
HOW CAN WE ANALYZE THE GRAMMAR OR SYNTAX OF A SENTENCE WITH A TREE?



WHAT DO LANGUAGES HAVE **IN COMMON** AND HOW DO THEY **DIFFER**?



HOW DO LANGUAGES EMERGE? HOW AND WHY DO THEY CHANGE?



WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE?



HOW ARE **WORLD EVENTS** INFLUENCED BY CONTACT BETWEEN GROUPS THAT SPEAK DIFFERENT LANGUAGES?



HOW DOES LANGUAGE INFLUENCE THINKING OR PERCEPTIONS OF THE WORLD?



Language shapes the way we think,
and determines what we can think
about.

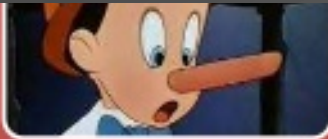
— Benjamin Lee Whorf —

AZ QUOTES

HOW DO CHILDREN LEARN THEIR **FIRST LANGUAGES?**



DO CONVERSATIONS FOLLOW RULES?

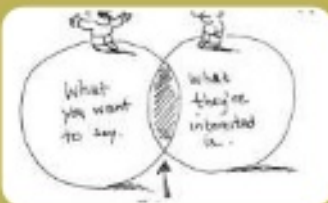


Be Truthful



Maxim of Quantity

Don't talk for too long or for too little.



Maxim of Relation

Be Relevant

HOW DO CHILDREN AND ADULTS LEARN SECOND LANGUAGES?



HOW CAN I BE A BETTER TEACHER OF ENGLISH OR CHINESE LEARNERS?



PLACES TO LEARN ABOUT LINGUISTICS:



LANGUAGE CLASSES

LITERATURE AND OTHER CLASSES

EVERYDAY LIFE

TUTORING AND WORK

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

THE MEDIA

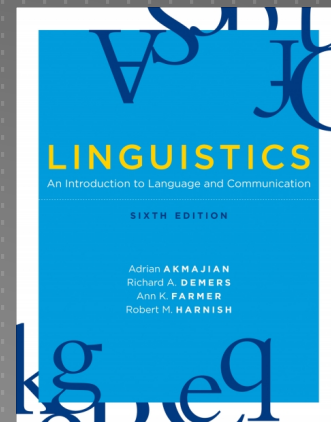
ONLINE

TRAVEL

ANYWHERE, ANY TIME!

LINGUISTICS OFFERS YOU A NEW, MORE **AWARE** WAY OF EXPERIENCING LIFE AND THE WORLD!

Don't get bogged down in boring linguistics texts...



TEXT SOURCE

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