

Fundamentals of Linguistics

Linguistics · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. What is the study of speech sounds in language called?

- A) Syntax
- B) Phonetics**
- C) Semantics
- D) Pragmatics

2. Which part of linguistics studies the structure of words?

- A) Morphology**
- B) Etymology
- C) Phonology
- D) Dialectology

3. What is the term for the set of rules that governs how words are combined to form sentences?

- A) Vocabulary
- B) Morphology
- C) Syntax**
- D) Articulation

4. The study of the meaning of words and phrases is known as:

- A) Phonetics
- B) Semantics**
- C) Syntax
- D) Morphology

5. Which language family does English belong to?

- A) Romance
- B) Sino-Tibetan
- C) Indo-European**
- D) Uralic

6. What do you call a regional variety of a language distinguished by features of vocabulary, grammar, and pronunciation?

- A) Accent
- B) Dialect**
- C) Slang
- D) Jargon

7. What is the smallest unit of sound in a language that can distinguish one word from another?

A) Morpheme

B) Phoneme

C) Grapheme

D) Syllable

8. Which term refers to the study of the history and origin of words?

A) Etymology

B) Morphology

C) Syntax

D) Semantics

9. What is the name for a language that has developed as a primary language by children who were exposed to a pidgin?

A) Dialect

B) Creole

C) Register

D) Argot

10. Which branch of linguistics focuses on how language is used in social contexts?

A) Sociolinguistics

B) Psycholinguistics

C) Applied Linguistics

D) Historical Linguistics