

Fundamentals of Linguistics

Linguistics · Practice Test · 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