

Introduction to Linguistics

Linguistics · Practice Test · 12 Questions

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

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

2. Which branch of linguistics focuses on the rules for how words are combined to form sentences?

- A) Syntax
- B) Etymology
- C) Pragmatics
- D) Lexicology

3. What do linguists call the smallest unit of meaning in a language?

- A) Phoneme
- B) Grapheme
- C) Morpheme
- D) Syllable

4. The study of the history and origin of words is known as:

- A) Phonology
- B) Semantics
- C) Etymology
- D) Dialectology

5. What is the term for a regional variety of a language that differs from the standard version?

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

6. Which field of linguistics explores the meaning of words and sentences?

- A) Semantics
- B) Syntax
- C) Morphology
- D) Phonology

7. In the English language, what are the basic units of sound represented by letters called?

- A) Morphemes
- B) Phonemes
- C) Semantics
- D) Syntax

8. What is the term for a language that has no native speakers?

- A) Dead language
- B) Pidgin
- C) Creole
- D) Lingua franca

9. Which of these is a system of communication that uses visible gestures and signs instead of sound?

- A) Body language
- B) Sign language
- C) Morse code
- D) Braille

10. What do we call the formal set of rules that govern the structure of a language?

- A) Vocabulary
- B) Grammar
- C) Pronunciation
- D) Dialect

11. The study of how language is used in social contexts is called:

- A) Sociolinguistics
- B) Psycholinguistics
- C) Applied linguistics
- D) Historical linguistics

12. What is a 'lexicon' in the context of linguistics?

- A) A list of spelling rules
- B) The total vocabulary of a person or language
- C) The structure of a paragraph
- D) A method of translating audio