

Scientific Nuances in Grammar and Vocabulary

Grammar & Vocabulary · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. According to Chomskyan linguistics, what is the theoretical innate capacity for language acquisition possessed by humans called?

- A) The Lexical Hypothesis
- B) The Universal Grammar**
- C) The Semantic Network
- D) The Phonemic Awareness

2. In psycholinguistics, the phenomenon where encountering a word primes the listener or reader to recognize related words more quickly is known as:

- A) Priming**
- B) Anchoring
- C) Framing
- D) Cognitive Dissonance

3. The study of the historical development of languages, including changes in their sound systems, grammar, and vocabulary, is the domain of:

- A) Sociolinguistics
- B) Psycholinguistics
- C) Historical Linguistics**
- D) Computational Linguistics

4. What linguistic theory proposes that the structure of a language affects its speakers' cognition or the way in which they conceptualize the world?

- A) Generative Semantics
- B) The Sapir-Whorf Hypothesis**
- C) Functional Grammar
- D) Cognitive Grammar

5. In morphology, the smallest meaningful units of language are called:

- A) Phonemes
- B) Morphemes**
- C) Allophones
- D) Graphemes

6. The principle that states the meaning of a complex expression is determined by the meanings of its constituent parts and the rules used to combine them is known as:

A) Compositionality

B) Recursion

C) Modularity

D) Polysemy

7. What subfield of linguistics focuses on the study of meaning in language, including the meaning of words, phrases, and sentences?

A) Syntax

B) Phonology

C) Semantics

D) Pragmatics

8. The statistical study of word frequencies and their relationships in large bodies of text is a core methodology in which branch of linguistics?

A) Historical Linguistics

B) Sociolinguistics

C) Corpus Linguistics

D) Phonetics