

Scientific Nuances in Grammar and Vocabulary

Grammar & Vocabulary · Practice Test · 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