

Introduction to High School Linguistics

Linguistics · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. Which branch of linguistics focuses on the physical production and perception of human speech sounds?

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

2. What is the smallest unit of meaning within a word in linguistics?

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

3. Which subfield of linguistics studies the rules and principles that govern sentence structure?

- A) Syntax**
- B) Etymology
- C) Phonology
- D) Sociolinguistics

4. What is the study of literal meaning in words, phrases, and sentences called?

- A) Morphology
- B) Pragmatics
- C) Semantics**
- D) Orthography

5. To which major language family does the English language belong?

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

6. What term describes a variety of a language spoken in a specific geographic region or social group?

- A) Dialect**
- B) Jargon
- C) Phoneme
- D) Idiolect

7. Which branch of linguistics examines how social context influences the interpretation of spoken or written language?

A) Phonology

B) Pragmatics

C) Lexicography

D) Etymology

8. What standardized alphabetic system was created by linguists to accurately represent speech sounds across all languages?

A) International Phonetic Alphabet

B) Universal Grammar Notation

C) Morse Code

D) NATO Phonetic Alphabet