

Introduction to High School Linguistics

Linguistics · Practice Test · 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