Linguistics of Nature and Animal Communication

Linguistics · Answer Key · 4 Questions

1. What subfield of linguistics examines the relationship between human language, culture, and the natural environment?

A) Ecolinguistics
B) Zoosemiotics
C) Bioacoustics
D) Ethnolinguistics

2. Which design feature of human language, identified by Charles Hockett, allows speakers to talk about objects or events removed in space and time?

A) Arbitrariness
B) Displacement
C) Productivity
D) Reflexivity

3. What specific movement pattern do honeybees use to communicate the direction and distance of flower patches to hive members?

A) Stridulation
B) Pheromone trail
C) Waggle dance
D) Flutter click

4. What is the term coined by Thomas Sebeok for the study of sign systems and communication in non-human animals?

A) Biosemiotics
B) Phytosemiotics
C) Zoosemiotics
D) Ecolinguistics

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