

Terms and Definitions

Term	Definition
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Anthropological Linguistics	Study of language (from anthropological view)
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Ethnopoetics	A method of recording narrative speech acts (includes oral poetry, stories). This helps to capture the poetic format and other performative elements that might be lost if only written.
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Ethnography of speaking	The study of how people use spoken language in a particular cultural setting.
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Call systems	Patterned sounds, utterances and movements of the body that express meaning .
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Philology	Comparative study of ancient texts.
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Proto-language	A hypothetical common ancestral language of two or more living languages.
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Cognate words	Words in two languages that have the same sound shifts as other words; indicative of a common linguistic ancestry.
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Descriptive Linguistics	Systematic analysis and description of a language's sound system and grammar.
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Morphology	The structure of words and word formation in a language
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Sociolinguistics	The study of how sociocultural context and norms shape language use, and the effects of language use on society.
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Linguistic relativity	The idea that people speaking different languages perceive or interpret the world differently because of differences in their languages.
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Ethnoscience	The study of how people classify things in the world , by considering some range or set of meanings.
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Terms and Definitions (cont)

Creole	A language of mixed origin that has developed from a complex blending of two parent languages and exists as a mother tongue for some part of the population.
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Pidgin	A mixed language with a simplified grammar, borrowing vocabulary from one language but it's grammar from another.
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Language ideology	Assumptions that people make about the relative sophistication and status of particular dialects and languages.
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Paraphrasing of Definitions

Term	Paraphrased Def.
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Anthropological Linguistics	Study of language in anthropology.
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Ethnography of speaking	Study of how people speak in cultural settings.
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Ethnopoetics	Recording (poetic, narrative) oral traditions in a way that maintains the performative aspect.
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Call systems	Patterned sounds and body movements that express meaning.
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Philology	<i>comparative</i> study of ancient texts.
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Proto-language	A <i>hypothetical</i> common language of two or more living languages.
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Cognate words	Words in two language that are pronounced (sometimes spelled) the same way.
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Descriptive linguistics	Analysis of a language's phonetics and grammar.
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Phonology	Pattern of sounds in a language
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Morphology	Structure and syntax of words
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Sociolinguistics	Study of how society affects/shapes language
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Linguistic Relativity	People speaking different languages perceive the world differently because of the differences in their languages.
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Ethnoscience	Study of how people classify things in the world.
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Paraphrasing of Definitions (cont)

Creole The language developed from blending two existing languages.

Pidgin Mixed language with simple grammar that borrows vocabulary from one language and grammar from another

Language Ideology Assumptions that people make about the status of particular dialects and languages.

Chapter 10: Race, Ethnicity and Class



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