

Listening Lecture

Answer the following questions according to your notes.

1. The first reason why language has been a topic of study is because _____

2. Which of the following is **not** one of the unanswered questions about language?
 - a. Why do the speakers of the same language may use different words to mean the same thing?
 - b. Why does the way a language is spoken changes according to gender?
 - c. Why do people make speech errors while they are talking?
 - d. How does the social background influence speech?
3. Today it is stated that there are _____ languages spoken, belonging to
4. _____ families.
5. Vocabulary of modern English is half _____ and half 6. _____

Match the theories with the given arguments. Write the letters in the given blanks. There is one extra.

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| 7. Religious Theory — | a. Humans could speak only after their brain was biologically ready to do so. |
| 8. Evolution Theory — | b. A divine gift made it possible for human to speak. |
| | c. Animals' brain was ready to make sounds before humans' brain was ready. |
| 9. Imitation Theory — | d. Language was developed after people started to copy animal sounds. |

Match the given statements with the properties of human language. Write the letters in the given blanks.

- 10. Arbitrariness** — a. The word “offline” is now officially accepted as an English word.
- 11. Transferability** — b. Every English speaker would understand the sentence “The monster in Van Lake has invaded the city”, although he has not heard it before.
- 12. Productivity** — c. The object “knife” could be called something other than “knife”. There is no relationship between the name and the object.
- 13. Flexibility** — d. Either spoken or written form of a language can be used for communication.
- 14. Displacement** — e. Speakers can talk about things that are physically distant such as other countries or the moon

Write the three factors that cause languages change:

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