
Modern Theories of Language

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Definition

Modern theories of language represent efforts to account for the evolution, acquisition, and processing of language within an integrated framework. Such efforts acknowledge the relationship of language to sensorimotor experience, social interaction, and general cognitive constraints on information processing.

Introduction

The study of language is a diverse field that engages the applied interests of educators and speech pathologists as well as the academic interests of researchers working in wide range of disciplines including linguistics, speech and hearing

sciences, psychology, biology, computer science, philosophy, sociology, and anthropology. Scholars in these different disciplines invariably conceptualize language in different ways, viewing it, e.g., as a biological attribute, a cultural trait, a set of communication skills, or a normative system of signs. This entry reviews modern theories of language that adopt the view of human language as a complex form of human behavior.

The review is organized in accordance with three perspectives considered to be complementary, as opposed to mutually exclusive: an evolutionary perspective that focuses on the origins of what are seemingly unique features of human languages; a developmental perspective that highlights the social-interactional contexts in which children acquire language as well as relationships between perception, cognition, and action in development; and a cognitive perspective that examines the processing mechanisms that determine how language use unfolds in real time.

Theories of Language Evolution and Change

Human languages seem to display many discontinuities when contrasted with the communication systems of other species. These include duality of patterning, symbolic signs, vast vocabularies, syntactic rules, and propositional structure, all of which allow for unlimited productivity in the creation of communicative signals whose meaning

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