

# Language and Society (CL2.203)

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## Introduction (contd.)

There are two ways of looking at language – the *prescriptive* and the *descriptive*.

The attempts of linguistic theory to understand the general principles of organisation of language led to notions like

- *langue* and *parole* (de Saussure)
- *contrastive* and *complementary* distribution (Bloomfield)
- *emic* and *etic* (Pike and Sapir)
- *surface* and *deep* (Chomsky)