

WEEK 3 SUMMARY OF READING:

Pullum, the author of the article titled: "The Great Eskimo Vocabulary Hoax", basically questions the commonly believed assumption that Eskimos have had numerous terms for snow. He further investigates the numerous sources that support this myth and also demonstrates how they are based on language misinterpretations or misconceptions.

The author also claims that Eskimo, like other languages, did have a restricted vocabulary for describing snow. But, they had a very detailed method for classifying the different types of snow and snow-related occurrences. He then claims that the idea of a rich Eskimo vocabulary for snow stems from a misunderstanding of linguistic terminology and a predisposition to romanticize non-western cultures and languages.

Moreover, he then criticizes the methodology utilized by individuals who claim to have discovered a high number of snow-related terms in Eskimo, demonstrating that they are based on insufficient data. According to the author, this is a linguistic deception that occurs because there is no evidence to support the claims that Eskimo has had a high number of terms for snow.

He finally concludes by arguing that a more rigorous and critical approach to the study of language and culture is required. As well as their representation and comprehension are required to be more accurate and also supported by evidence. He claims that such an approach would assist in dispelling myths and misunderstandings and fostering a deeper appreciation for the complexity of language and culture.