

Structure and meaning

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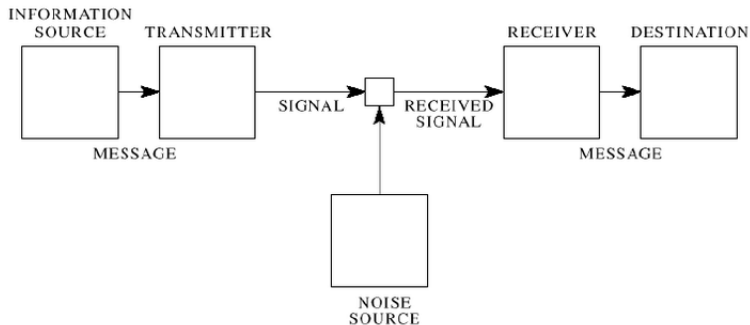
Introductions

- Who am I?
- What is this module about?
- How is it going to run?

Overview

- 1 What is communication?
- 2 What is language?
- 3 Structure in language and meaning

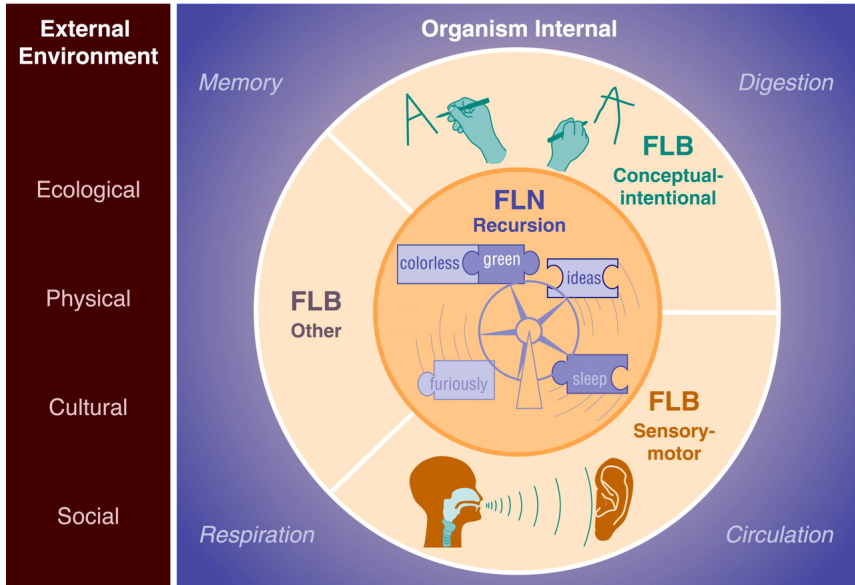
What is communication?



Where is language?



- I-language: the capabilities human beings have to construct linguistic structures
- E-language: the externalisation of language (e.g. things that speakers say, also known as utterances)

What is language?



Morphology and meaning

Syntax and meaning

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