

Language and Society

TA Notes

Lec -2

Language Contact

- Reasons for Migration
 - Invasions, Colonization, etc. (fill in the blanks)
- Meaning and underlying reasons for code-switching
- Consequences of Code-switching
- How is bilingualism/multilingualism relevant to the discussion?
- How and when does a pidgin become a creole?
- What is linguistic convergence?
- When and how does a language die?
- How does a language evolve? When does a language stop evolving (or doesn't)? Try to justify this with an example.
- What do you understand by a language shift? What all can happen in this phenomenon?
- What do you mean by the expression 'coolcat'? How did it change when it was 'borrowed' to English?
- What are some of the non-English words borrowed in your language?
- What are the fundamental reasons for borrowing? (need filling and __)
- What is a basic vocabulary?
- How is basic vocabulary different from general vocabulary?
- What do you mean by nativization? Why do YOU think nativatization happens?
- What do you mean by semantic expansion?

Recommended Movie:

The gods must have gone crazy (1980 movie)

Class Absentees:

Akshit