

Language and Society

Lec-4

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- What do you understand by the word grammar?
- What according to you are grammatical constructs of your language? Give some constructs apart from syntax.
- Differentiate b/w prescriptive and descriptive grammar.
- What do you understand by linguistic theory?
- What is langue and parole? (No 1-line definitions)
- What is contrastive distribution? Does it go beyond just aspiration and allophones?
- Differentiate b/w dialect/language variation and parole.
- How do you get the "true" understanding of the nature of language?
- Why can't linguists ignore variation?
- What is communicative competence?
- What is variation? How is different from free variation?
- List different kinds of variation seen in language (discussed in class).
- What are the 3 social communities as described by Hudson? (look up)
- Give 3 non-grammatical constructs in your language which you use/have come across.
- What are social categories?