

Language and Society : Assignment 4

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Q1. Whorfian hypothesis is that an individual's world view is determined by her/his language. Describe in detail what you understand from this and what are its implications about human perception particularly in the context of monolingual and multilingual individuals.

(Try and read as much material on this as you can before getting down to write your answer).

Q2. Labov's studies showed that linguistic studies can be quantified and correlated with social strata. Take a linguistic variable (such as a particular lexical item that you heard after coming to IIIT-H). Conduct a brief study of that item across different social groups on campus.

(You can decide your own social groups - linguistic, gender etc)