Course Characterization and Structure

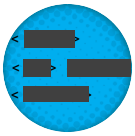
Introduction

This course is for people who are generally good at:

Math

Logic

Programming



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Linguistics as Cognitive Phenomena

We need linguistics for:

- Literature
- Rhetoric
- Professional Writing

Language as cognitive phenomena

- Metaphor
- Metonymy
- Antithesis

Course Epitome: Provinces of Study

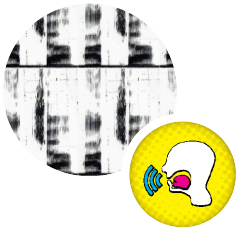
Sounds

Words

Phrases and sentences

Paragraphs, modules, and text

Acoustic Waveform ——— Meaning



Phonetics Semantics Pragmatics

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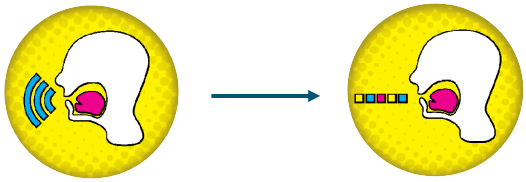
Phonetics and Phonology



Phonetics

Raw material

Phonology

- Language-specific exploitation of sounds
- Each language has its own specific phonology

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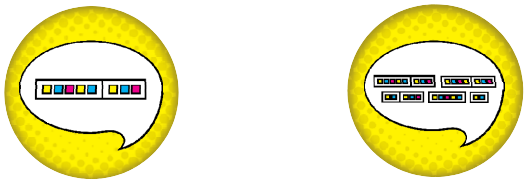
Morphology and Lexis

The building blocks of language



Morphology

- The littlest bits of meaning
- un-, -ing, pre-, -ed
- Word that can't be broken down into smaller units

Lexis

- Words and their component parts
- 'word' – 1 morpheme
- 'word-s' – 2 morphemes

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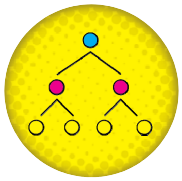
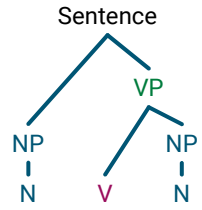
Syntax



Syntax

How words group
into bigger structures



Homer loves hogfat

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Levels (or *Strata*) of Linguistics

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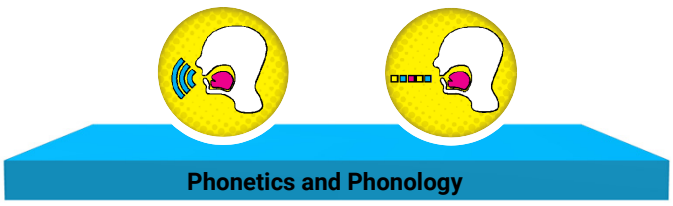

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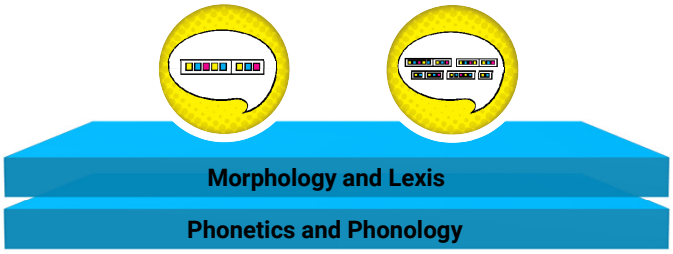

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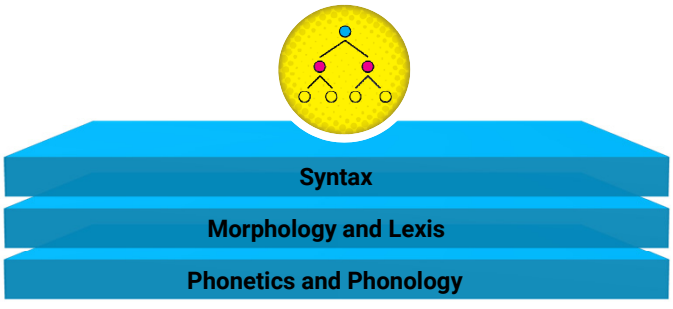

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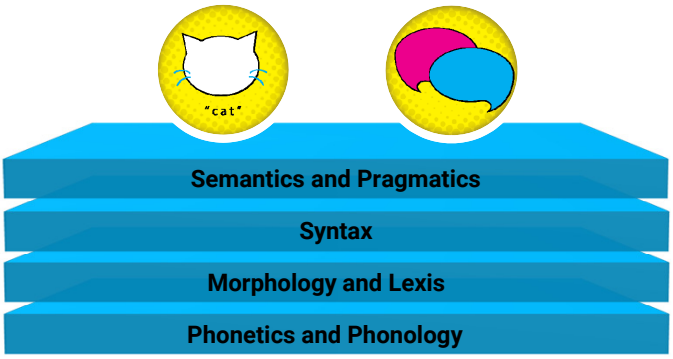

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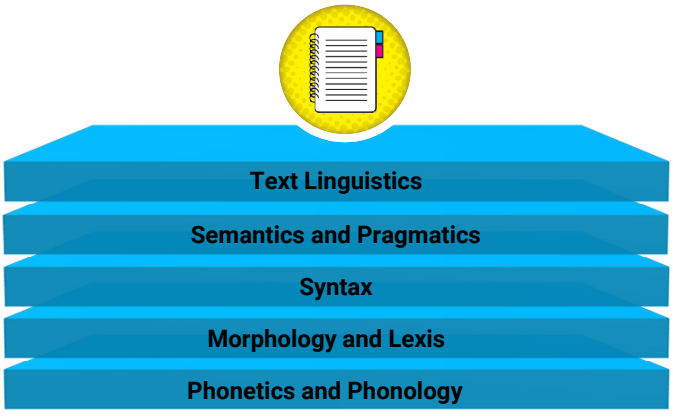

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Structure of the Course

History of Language

The Nature of Language

The Nature of Linguistics

Words

Morphology

Syntax

Phonetics

Phonology

Semantics

Pragmatics

Texts

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