

# Language of inequality

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## 8 types of linguistic inequality

1. High/low power
2. Positive/negative bias in language
3. Standard/non-standard dialects
4. Nice/nasty accents
5. Linguistic competence/incompetence
6. Pragmatic competence/incompetence
7. Conversational power/solidarity
8. Affinity/lack of affinity for language

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## How the language we use entrenches inequalities

While they are widely used to refer to ethnic minorities, very few individuals identify with such acronyms. Many people do not know what they stand for and they imply that non-white people comprise a homogeneous group.

## Language That Reinforces Inequality

The language differs according to the class. Although, the use of different forms depend on the relationship of speakers.

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Six coherent areas of research in which concepts of language and social inequality are theoretically central will be considered: language use in different ages, gender and language, language and social forms and class, education and religion.

## The Language of Inequality in the News: A Discourse Analytic Approach by Michael Toolan, Hardcover

The English language and social inequality: Towards a re- evaluation of the role of English in Mauritius.

## Language: The cause of social inequality

Where, after all, do the extraordinary profits of hedge fund managers and bankers come from? The mascot symbol is used liberally throughout the school building and on signage, and promotional materials. Why in the 1970s do the Daily Mail's TV reviews address serious contemporary themes such as class- and race-relations, whereas forty years later they are largely concerned with celebrities, talent shows, and nostalgia? Peter Black, Christopher Stevens, Class and Britain: 35.

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It is also a prestige issue of social power. Boas 1911 developed arguments to counter the widespread notion that languages are not equal, that some languages, specifically European languages, were superior to others in their complexity and range of expression. Luddite and Luddites: grammar, meaning, and frequency; 48.

### **The Language of Social Inequality**

Why in the early 1970s does The Times reject the idea of a national lottery, as rewarding luck not merit and effort, but warmly welcome one by the 1990s? Some forms of evidence are considered more reliable than others.

### **Language That Reinforces Inequality**

In fact, the way the rich obtain their wealth is what generates poverty.

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