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<sup>2</sup> The idealist conception is that language is a property of the individual, a species-specific and genetically inherited capacity to form rules of a particular type, relatively isolated from other activities of the human intelligence. It is agreed that linguistics are not interested in a given corpus of linguistic data in itself, but rather in the rules, system and faculty of language that enable speakers to produce that corpus.

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The materialist approach to the description of language is based on the objective methods of observation and experiment.

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As Newmeyer points out 1983:65 these principles assume that the object of investigation should be the speech community, rather than the individual, an issue which still divides the idealist and materialistic approach.

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Much of the formal linguistics concerns the creation of such rule schemata, condensing and collapsing individual rules.

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The judgments of grammaticality that are the input to these theories are closer to perception than production, and it is often pointed out that there are people who cannot speak who appear to understand language very well. The materialist approach recognizes that free variation can often be constrained by statements about the probability of application in one environment or the other, and that these quantitative constraints can be used to describe the system of the community and the validity of the rules written. At the same time, we can observe a profound division in the foundations of our discipline, that corresponds quite closely to the traditional philosophical opposition of idealism and materialism.

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In the idealist approach, there is nothing further to be said once free variation is identified: it is not coherent to say that a form applies more often or less often in a given environment. Over the course of the long history of linguistic analysis, dating from Indian grammarians in the 4<sup>th</sup> century B.

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