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The study of language, consisting of 4 subdomains

- 1. syntax: language structure
- 2. semantics: linguistic meaning
- 3. phonology: the sound system of language
- 4. pragmatics: language in context

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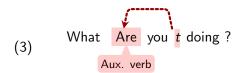
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1. The **Queen of England** likes Corgis

The monarch likes Corgis
 The monarch likes Dachsunds

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The study of language in context

A: Do you want to see Mission Impossible V?

B: I don't like action movies.

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Ask Ghada and Jalal!!

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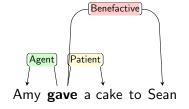
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(5) I have n't got no money

(6) I ca n't get no satisfaction



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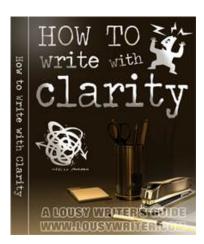
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It must be remembered that two negatives in the English language destroy each other and are equivalent to an affirmative. Often we hear such expressions as "He was not asked to give no opinion," expressing the very opposite of what is intended. The double negative, therefore, should be carefully avoided. for it is insidious. (from "How to write with clarity")



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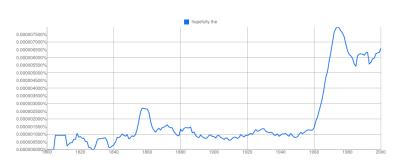
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1. It was a great meal, wasn't it / innit?

You 're Jack's nephew, are n't you / innit?
 They 've been to Greece, have n't they / innit?

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(9) He be working Tuesdays

(10) He been got a job



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Which of these sentences is correct?

- 1. Me and Jack went to the shops
- 2. I and Jack went to the shops
- 3. Jack and me went to the shops
- 4. Jack and I went to the shops

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What is the grammatical word class (e.g. noun, verb, adjective etc.) of the italicised words in the following sentences:

- 1. The raging river tore through the valley
- 2. That film really sucks