

Competence/Performance

The famous American linguist Noam Chomsky first used these terms to specifically refer to a person's knowledge of rules and structures of his language and as a native speaker and his actual use of these rules.

Competence according to Chomsky is a native speaker's knowledge of his language, the mastery of system of rules.

Performance on the other hand in the production of actual sentences in use in real life situations.

Competence is a set of principles which a speaker masters. Performance is what

a Speaker does.

Competence is a kind of Code Performance is the act of encoding or recording.

Competence is free from interference due to slips of memory and lapses of attention.

Competence is ideal it gives us a coherent Pictures of the language. It can be studied. However, it is difficult to set a direct and coherent record of Performance.

Langue { Parole

* Langue " refers to the abstract, systematic, and rule-governed

aspects of a language. It encompasses the grammar, vocabulary, phonetics, and other structural components that make up a language.

Think of it as the blueprint or framework of a language that allows us to communicate and understand each other.

On the other hand **Parole** refers to the actual, concrete instances of language used by individuals. It includes the spoken or written words, sentences, and utterances that we produce when we communicate. "Parole" is influenced by factors such as context, individual variation, and personal style.

Difference

Langue & Parole

The main points of distinction between La Langue and La Parole can be summed up as follows.

La Langue	La Parole
• It is stable	• It is mobile an institutionalized and Personal.
• It is Passive	• It is active
• It is a social and General for the Community.	• It is individual and idiosyncratic. It does not put any such limits.
• It contains the negative limits on what a Speaker must say.	• It contains infinite number of individual Properties It is not amenable to scientific study.
• It is sum of Properties Shared by all Speakers	• It is concrete manifestation

- of a community • It is not a collective instrument
- A scientific study can only be based on langue and variegated.
- It is an abstraction. • It is language in actual use
- It is a collective instrument. • It is susceptible to social and other pressure
- It is a set of conventions and habits handed down to next generation ready-made. • It is free.
- It is language of language as a speaker is expected to use
- It is not subject to social and individual pressure
- It is fixed
- It is a Potential form of language