

## Linguistics: The Hidden Treasure that Can Change the World

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**L**inguistics is the scientific study of language. Linguists apply the scientific method to conduct formal studies of speech sounds, grammatical structures, and meaning across the world's 6,000+ languages. Therefore it is a very important topic to be discussed in order to understand how humans communicate with each other and make their communication more constructive. In this article, I will be discussing the benefits of Linguistics and how it is applicable to real-life situations.

Through the study of languages, it is easier to understand the processes through which concepts such as love changed throughout time. For example, in the Arabic language, there are over 50 words

that convey different stages of love, or love in different situations. Most of them are unfortunately not used now. In the pre-Islamic era, most of the speech happened in a poetic form which created the need of having different words for one concept so that each word can be suitable for a specific rhythm. Moreover, in the old-time, the only possible way in which a person can convey love was by saying it, and therefore this created the need for different words that convey the exact emotions. Over time, other methods were brought up in order to convey emotions such as theatre, visual arts, and music and therefore this reduced the need for having different words that convey specific emotions. This shows how the form of language changes throughout time, to

convey emotions in different ways, which gives historical factors about the expression of emotions in different eras.

Moreover, Linguistics helps us understand different cultures. In German, there is a specific verb that describes the German way of pouring beer which is “zapfen”. Other words, such as Gemütlichkeit mean an atmosphere characterized by sensations of coziness, warmth, pleasantness, and good cheer. The same word also exists in Danish with the name “hygge”. These two words are clear representations of the language’s culture. Beer plays an important role in many of the German celebrations such as “Oktober Fest” especially in Bavaria, and therefore having a specific word that describes the way beer is poured shows that beer is important to an extent that a word for it was created. Moreover, and on the implicit cultural side, the feeling of coziness and warmth was felt in many of the family gatherings in Denmark and Germany, which brought up the need to have a word that describes it, and this obviously represents the importance of family and more specifically, family gatherings in these cultures. Therefore, studying the roots of these words and knowing the way in which they were formed will help us understand the way in which the native speakers thought and therefore produced the word, which is culture.

Finally, Linguistics is not only a theoretical science that no one uses, linguistics is the way we see the world. Through a linguist’s eye, everyone can understand the world around them and therefore gain awareness and consciousness in order to build the world and make it a better place.