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Linguistic Intelligence

This issue's quotation

An education isn't how much you have committed to memory, or even how much you know. It's being able to differentiate between what you do know and what you don't.

Anatole France
(1844 - 1924)

According to Gardner, the Linguistic Intelligence involves a special sensibility to oral and written language. The ability to learn languages and use the language itself for specific purposes. Some other definitions are:

"Linguistic intelligence allows people to communicate through language. It is the ability to use language to express spoken and written meanings, to read and write".

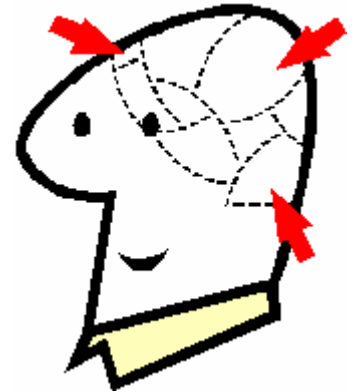
"Linguistic intelligence is the ability to use language to excite, please, convince, stimulate or convey information. It involves not only ease in producing language, but also sensitivity to the nuances, order and rhythm of words".

Some characteristics of people who have linguistic intelligence are:

Express Sensitivity - The ability to listen carefully to others language and language patterns and to communicate expressively (primarily orally) with appropriate sensitivity.

Rhetorical Skills - The ability to use language as a tool for persuasion and effect through negotiation.

Literature Skills - The ability to choose words well when writing in order to generate the right emotional tone for example when writing letters, poems, stories or when creating reports. The student with this intelligence is best at...
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There's a lot more in our
brains than we think we
have!

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Pidgins and Creoles

by Carlos Guzman

A simplified language derived from two or more languages is called a **pidgin**. It is a contact language developed and used by people who do not share a common language in a given geographical area. It is used in a limited way and the structure is very simplistic. Since they serve a single simplistic purpose, they usually die out. However, if the pidgin is used long enough, it begins to evolve into a more rich language with a more complex structure and richer vocabulary. Once the pidgin has evolved and has acquired native speakers (the children learn the pidgin as their first language), it is then called a Creole. An example of this is the Creole above from Papua New Guinea, Tok Pisin, which has become a National language. (continues on the last page...)

Linguistic Intelligence (continued...)



Novels	Non-fiction
Speeches	Stories
Myths/legends	Lyrics
Poems	Instructions
Manuals	Newspapers
Magazines	Plays
Arguments	Debates
Jokes	Puns
Crosswords	Scrabble/word games
Scripts	Advertising copy

Therefore, it is believed that this kind of person could become a :

- Novelist
- Barrister
- Actor
- Orator
- Comedian
- Poet
- Politician
- Story-Teller
- Journalist
- Speech writer
- Lawyer
- Linguist

Some activities for activating the Linguistic Intelligence are:

- use cooperative learning techniques
- write a sequel to a story
- make a speech on a relevant topic
- keep a log or journal about his/her daily experiences
- encourage to read and write poetry

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Mark Twain is believed to have had a Linguistic Intelligence

I would like to mention some famous writers who are believed to have the Linguistic Intelligence:

Agatha Christie, Mark Twain and Danielle Steele.

In sum, all of us, students majoring Teaching EFL are linguistically intelligent and we need to take advantage of that in order to help our future students.

Quick facts on language and linguistics

By Carlos Guzman

One language disappears every month, twelve each year. A language can disappear for many reasons: war, lack of speakers, depopulation, and the appearance of a more dominant language.

"Facetious" and "Abstemious" are the only two words in the English language that contain the vowels A, E, I, O, and U in their proper order.

The word "Queue" is the only word in the English language that is still pronounced the same way when the last four letters are removed.

No one knows exactly how many languages exist in the world today but best estimates place the figure around 6800. Roughly 1,000 are spoken in the Americas (15%), 2,400 in Africa

(35%), 200 in Europe (3%), 2,000 in Asia (28%) and, perhaps, 1,200 in the Pacific (19%).

The country Nigeria itself has more than 250 different languages, making the production of newspapers and television shows a challenge. Major languages include, French, Arabic, Hausa, Djermana, and Songhai.



Angkor Wat

By Carolina Montoya

Have you ever think what it would be like traveling to a jungle area in Asia and discovering a lost temple? Well if you can't take a flight that far, I invite you to take a look at these pictures and discover a lost world. Cambodia is an exquisite place to go. It's full of magic and mystery. Its people are the nicest and kindest I ever

met. And if you want to get in touch with your most human part, then Cambodia is the place to go. Hope you have fun watching these pictures!



The temples at Angkor are spread out over some 40 miles around the village of Siem Reap, about 192 miles from the Cambodian capital, Phnom Penh. They were built between the eighth and 13th centuries and range from single towers made of bricks to vast stone temple complexes.



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Pidgins and Creoles (continued...)

Reasons for the development of Pidgins

In the nineteenth century, when slaves from Africa were brought over to North America to work on the plantations, they were separated from the people of their community and mixed with people of various other communities, therefore they were unable to communicate with each other. The strategy behind this was so they couldn't come up with a plot to escape back to their land. Therefore, in order to finally communicate with their peers on the plantations, and with their bosses, they needed to form a language in which they could communicate. Pidgins also arose because of colonization. Prominent languages such as French, Spanish, Portuguese, English, and Dutch were the languages of the colonizers. They traveled, and set up ports in coastal towns where shipping and trading routes were accessible.

There is always a dominant language which contributes most of the vocabulary of the pidgin, this is called the superstrate language. The superstrate language from the Papua New Guinea Creole example above is English. The other minority languages that contribute to the pidgin are called the substrate languages.

In the United States, there is a very well known Creole, Louisiana Creole, which is derived from French and African Languages. You most likely have heard of "Cajun" which is a developed dialect of this Creole. *-taken from the University of Oregon's website (<http://logos.uoregon.edu/>)*

Costa Rica's Native Languages Facts

Most indigenous words still used in everyday Costa Rican conversation are mostly names used to design places. For example, the word "Talamanca" (Talamalka) used to name a region in the Atlantic/eastern part of the country means "place of blood", maybe due to the custom of killing turtles in order to get their eggs and meat for human consumption.

The word "Poas" used to name a volcano in the province of Alajuela, was originally the name of a yellowish flower that grows near this volcano.

The word "Escazu" (originally Itscatzu)

meant "resting place", this because different groups used this area for resting when travelling from the country's south Pacific region to the central valley or the Atlantic coast.

The word "Cahuita", used to name a beach in the Atlantic coast of the country, means "Tip of Land" in the indigenous Miskito language.

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