

ELL 101 Introduction to Language - Review Sheet

1. What are two examples of place of articulation?
2. What are two examples of manner of articulation?
3. What is the difference between phonetics and phonology?
4. What is the purpose of a minimal pair in the study of phonology?
5. You should be able to read basic sentences in IPA.
6. List and describe three processes of word formation. Give example words.
7. What are affixes? List the three types of affixes.
8. What is the study of morphology? What is a morpheme?
9. You should be able to identify free and bound morphemes.
10. You should be able to identify if bound morphemes are inflectional or derivational.
11. Among free morphemes, you should be able to identify if they are lexical or functional.
12. List the 8 inflectional morphemes of English.
13. You should be able to identify parts of speech in a sentence.
14. What is the difference between prescriptive and descriptive grammar?
15. You should be able to diagram a simple sentence, showing the hierarchical structure of the sentence.
16. What is structural ambiguity? Explain it with the following sentence. "Annie whacked a man with an umbrella." Use the terms 'deep structure' and 'surface structure' in your answer.
17. What is a "prestige" language and what makes it so?
18. Define sociolect and idiolect.
19. What is the difference between an accent and a dialect?
20. Explain the term 'standard language.'
21. Name and explain the different stages of language planning.
22. Is the following statement true or false? "No language is more or less logical than any other."
Explain your answer.
23. Give an example of style-shifting to show overt prestige and another example to show covert prestige.
24. Briefly explain Labov's sociolinguistic study of "r" pronunciation in department stores. Why is this study important in the field of sociolinguistics?
25. Briefly explain the main findings of Deborah Tannen's study and explain why this study is relevant in the field of sociolinguistics.