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Activity One: Language & Texts

We spend our entire day immersed in language, from the moment we wake up to the moment we fall asleep. Language imbues everything we do, including arguing with friends, texting our families, filling out application forms, reading a recipe, giving instructions, reading the news, writing a letter, and much more. As such, the field of linguistics can help us understand, explain and describe the key role language plays in our lives.

For many of you, this will be the first time that you will have thought about studying language from an academic perspective (although some of you may have done English Language in some form at A-level). To start your linguistics journey off, we’d like you to write 200 words addressing the questions below (roughly 65 words per question). Your responses doesn’t need to be technically accurate (although we’d encourage you to research around the topic if you can – these videos are a good start), but we do want to see you think critically about the role of language in your life, and in wider society more generally.

Your response will form the basis of the seminar sessions of *Language & Texts*, in Week 1, and you will be expected to contribute to the discussion.

1. **Which languages do you speak? What languages were you exposed as you were growing up? Do you like your accent? Why or why not?**

Click here to begin your answer (~65 words)

1. **What does your language and speech tell us about you? You might want to think about how the way you talk might be linked to where you’re from, your age, class, ethnicity and so on.**

Click here to begin your answer (~65 words)

1. **Why would the study of English be important? What kinds of benefits might come from studying the language? How do you think the study of language will help in your study of literature, drama and creative writing?**

Click here to begin your answer (~65 words)