

CHAPTER 1

Introduction

PHONOLOGY belongs under LINGUISTICS.

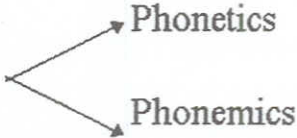
Why ?

What are actually LINGUISTICS and PHONOLOGY?

Linguistics is the scientific study of language.

What does it study?

It studies:

- Phonology
 - Morphology
 - Syntax
 - Semantics
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Phonology is the study of speech sounds in a particular language.

Morphology is the study of the forms of words.

Syntax is the study of the rules governing the way words are combined to form sentences in a language.

Semantics is the study of meaning in language.

PHONOLOGY involves two studies:

- Phonetics → the study of the production, transmission, and reception of speech sounds.
- Phonemics → the study of the sounds and sound patterns of a specific language.

We emphasize more on the phonetics rather than on the phonemics.

PHONETICS:

- Human beings are capable of producing an infinite number of sounds.
- A language uses a small proportion of this infinite set.
- No two human languages make use of exactly the same set of sounds.
- When we speak, there is a continuous movement of such organs as the tongue, the velum (soft palate), the lips, and the lungs.