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INTRODUCTION TO LINGUISTICS

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BASIC OF SOCIOLINGUISTICS

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Define sociolinguistics and understand its scope
- Explore key concepts: language and society, speech community, dialects
- Identify factors influencing language variation
- Understand the relationship between language, identity, and culture

WHAT IS SOCIOLINGUISTICS

- The study of the relationship between language and society
- Examines how social factors (age, gender, class, ethnicity, etc.) influence language use
- Focuses on real-life language use in social contexts

KEY QUESTION IN SOCIOLINGUISTICS

- Why do people speak differently in different social settings?
- How do social factors affect language choices?
- What does language say about a person's identity or social group?

LANGUAGE VS. DIALECT

- Language: A system of communication used by a particular community or country
- Dialect: A regional or social variety of a language
- Example: British English vs. American English

SPEECH COMMUNITY

- A group of people who share a common language or dialect
- Members understand and follow similar linguistic norms
- Examples: Teenagers, professional groups, ethnic communities

LANGUAGE VARIATION

Influenced by:

- Region (regional dialects)
- Social class (sociolects)
- Ethnicity (ethnolects)
- Gender (genderlects)
- Situation (register)

CODE-SWITCHING & CODE-MIXING

- Code-switching: Alternating between two or more languages or varieties in a conversation
- Code-mixing: Blending elements of two languages in a single utterance
- Common in multilingual societies

LANGUAGE & IDENTITY

- Language reflects personal and group identity
- It can express solidarity, distance, power, or resistance
- Example: Using local dialects to signal group membership

SOCIOLINGUISTICS COMPETENCE

- The ability to use language appropriately in different social contexts
- Understanding formal vs. informal situations
- Importance in language teaching and communication

WHY STUDY SOCIOLINGUISTICS?

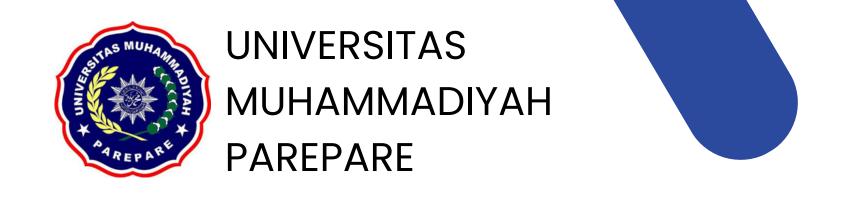
- Helps in understanding language diversity and change
- Useful for language teaching and curriculum design
- Promotes cultural sensitivity and communication skills

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Can you identify different dialects in your region?
- Have you ever switched codes in a conversation?
 Why?
- How does your language use reflect your identity?

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