

Language Relationships

Worksheet (Grade Level)

Name _____

Question 1

How does the way we speak change depending on who we are talking to? Give an example of how you would speak differently to a teacher compared to a friend.

Question 2

What are some ways that specific groups (e.g., sports teams, gamers, or musicians) use language to create a sense of identity and belonging?

Question 3

Why do different generations develop their own slang and expressions? How does this help form group identity?

Question 4

In a workplace setting, how might language reflect power and hierarchy? Give an example of how a boss might speak to an employee versus how coworkers speak to each other.

Question 5

What role do acronyms, slang, and specialist terms play in shaping relationships within a group? Can you think of a situation where using the “wrong” language might make someone feel like an outsider?

Question 6

How does formal and informal language influence relationships? When would it be appropriate to switch between the two?

Question 7

How can language be used to both include and exclude people in social groups? Provide an example of a situation where language might make someone feel welcome or left out.

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Worksheet (Higher Level)

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Question 1

How does the use of formal and informal language influence power dynamics and social roles in different contexts? Provide an example of how language can either reinforce or challenge authority.

Question 2

In what ways do subcultures (e.g., sports teams, fan groups, or online communities) develop and maintain unique linguistic practices? How does this specialized language reinforce group cohesion and identity?

Question 3

How can generational language shifts reflect broader societal changes? Discuss how evolving slang and expressions within different time periods can mirror cultural, technological, or political shifts

Question 4

Examine the role of language in establishing professional hierarchies in workplaces. How does language use by individuals in different positions of authority differ, and what effect does this have on group relationships?

Question 5

Analyze the social function of acronyms, jargon, and specialized terminology within exclusive communities. How do these linguistic choices foster group solidarity, and how might they act as barriers to outsiders?

Question 6

Discuss the impact of context on language choices and relationships. How do individuals navigate the need for both formal and informal language depending on social, professional, or personal settings?

Question 7

Critically assess the role of language in inclusion and exclusion within social groups. How can the intentional or unintentional use of language lead to the marginalization of certain individuals or communities?

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Worksheet (Lower Level)

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Question 1

How do you speak differently to a teacher compared to a friend? Why is it important to use different language in these situations?

Question 2

Can you think of any groups (like sports teams, school clubs, or online groups) that use special words or phrases? How does this help the group feel like they belong together?

Question 3

Why do people use different words or slang over time? How do new words or expressions show what is happening in the world at that time?

Question 4

In a workplace or school setting, how do people in charge speak compared to their coworkers or students? Why do you think they use different language?

Question 5

What do you think would happen if someone in a group didn't understand the slang or special words being used? How could this make them feel?

Question 6

When is it okay to use informal language with friends? When do you need to use more formal language, like when talking to a teacher or in a meeting?

Question 7

Can language make people feel included or left out of a group? Can you think of a time when someone might feel left out because of the words or phrases used?

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