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PREFACE

This book is intended to serve as a general introduction to the field of linguistics for students with no previous background in the subject. This book is divided into two parts. The first part which consists of chapter one to five is focused on pure linguistic study; while the second part which covers chapter six to seven deals with branches of linguistics. Chapter one begins with the discussion of linguistics as science, the nature of language, its components, properties, and functions. A brief discussion on phonology the difference between phonology and phonetics, the organs of speech, the classification of phonemes into segmental and suprasegmental phonemes is presented on chapter two. Chapter three is talking about morpheme and other related topics. Other microlinguistic topics, such as syntax and semantics are found in chapter four and five. Chapter four concentrates on two specific topics: traditional and modern perspective on syntax; while chapter five discusses semantic properties, the difference between sense, reference, and denotation, word meaning, sentence meaning, and sense relation.

Psycholinguistics and other related topics, such as theories of language acquisition, stages of child’s language development, the structure of the brain, lateralization, and disorders of language mechanism are discussed briefly in chapter six. If the readers want to know sociolinguistic topic, such as language variety, standard and dialect; bilingualism and multilingualism; and language changes, they can find them in chapter seven. The last chapter, applied linguistics, talks about the application of the theories of linguistics, the methods, and finding to solve linguistic problems in other field or knowledge. It focuses on some methods of language teaching, contrastive analysis, and error analysis.

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