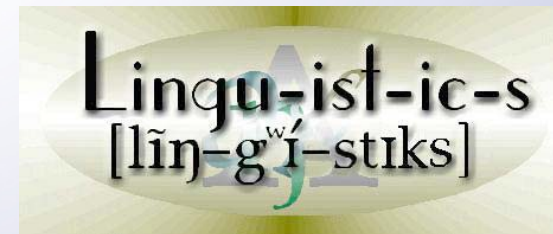


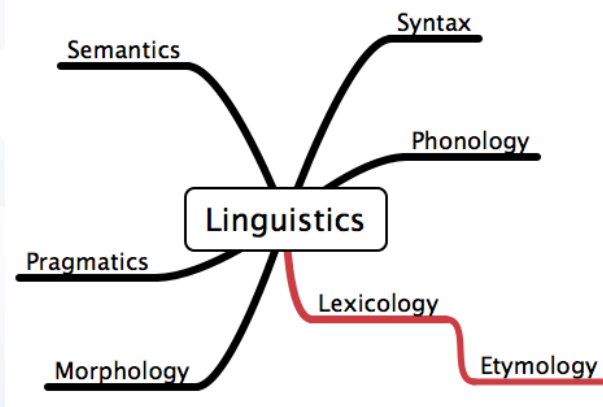
Knowledge of Linguistics and Teaching:

What's the Connection?

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...the scientific **study of language** and **its structure**, including phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, and pragmatics.



Learning Outcome:

To demonstrate an understanding of the structure and use of English to support ELs.



Why the English Language is Hard to Learn

Click on the link and read the statements:

https://web.cn.edu/kwheeler/English_hard_2learn.html



Second Language Acquisition (SLA)

The branch of linguistics that studies the ways in which children learn a second language.



Can you answer these questions?

1. What do you eat with *ghoti*?
2. What is the difference between a 'knight' and a 'knave'?
3. Do sentences grow on trees?
4. *Can you ask the question:
Can 'colourless green ideas sleep furiously'?*



Question #1

What do you eat with 'ghoti'?

GHOTI

[gh] = laugh
[o] = women = _____
[ti] = nation

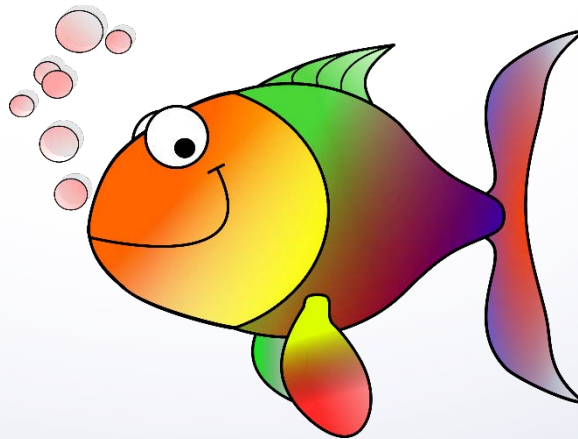
POINT: The spelling and pronunciation of English words is not always related.

"Ghoti" was invented by the playwright George Bernard Shaw to show the illogicality of English spelling.

Answer:

F - I - SH

[gh] [o] [ti]





Question #2:

What is the difference between a knight and a knave?

Knight: a man of noble birth who holds a dignified position

Knave: a dishonest, untrustworthy person

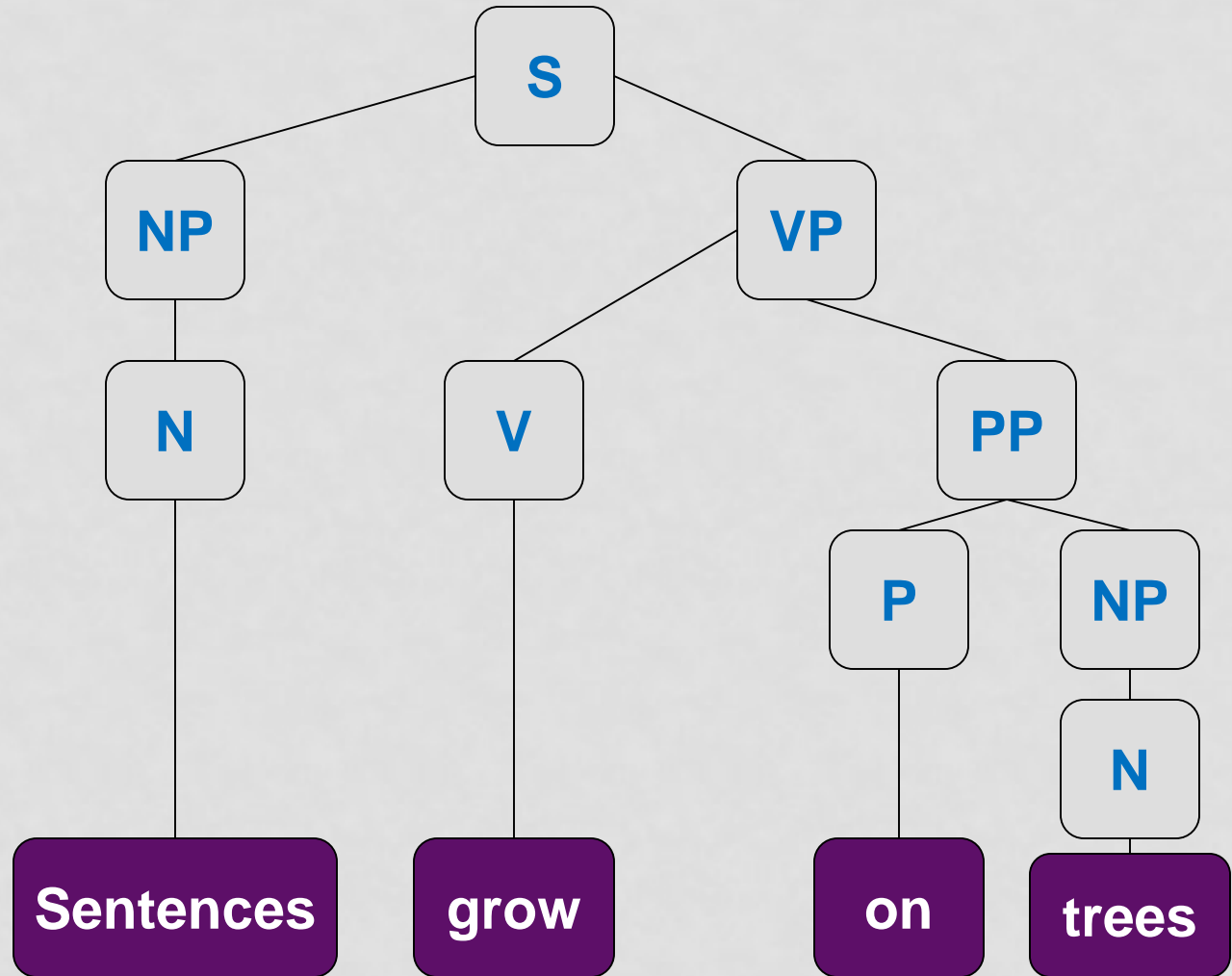
Many years ago 'knave' and 'knight' both meant 'boy'.

POINT: Meanings of words (and pronunciation) change over time.

Syntax - Question #3

Do sentences grow on trees?

Answer: Yes



Question #4

Can you ask the question:

“Can colourless green ideas sleep furiously?”

Yes- the sentence is grammatically correct.

No...because you can't make sense of it in the 'real world'.

POINT: It is not just correct grammar that makes a sentence sensible, but the context in which it is created.

- **Linguistics** is the science of language.
- **Linguists** attempt to understand why the human language is the way it is.
- **Linguists** study the history, acquisition, structure, and use of as many languages as possible.

Source: <http://www.bangor.ac.uk/ling/whatis.htm>

- It provides an understanding of the sub-fields of linguistics:
phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, pragmatics.
- It poses questions such as...
 - **How do I understand language?**
 - **How does language operate in my classroom?**
 - **How does my language shape me as a person? as a teacher?**
 - **How does language shape my classroom? my students? ELs? families of ELs?**



Go to page 64 in textbook and
complete the **Anticipation Guide**
Activity.

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