

Section - 6

Q1 Explain the key properties of a language?

Ans → Key properties of a language are:

(1) Displacement → Displacement is the capability of language to communicate about things that are not immediately present (spatially or temporally) i.e. things that are either not here or not here now.

(2) Productivity or creativeness: productivity is the degree to which native speakers use a particular grammatical process, especially in word formation. It compares grammatical processes that are in frequent use to less frequently used ones that tend towards lexicalization.

(3) Discreteness: Discreteness means is the absence of any natural or necessary connection between a word meaning and its sound or form.

(4) Arbitrariness → Arbitrariness is the absence of any natural or necessary connection between a word meaning and its sound or form.

(5) Duality → Duality refers to the ability of human language, both signed and spoken to form discrete meaning full units.