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Sub-Teaching of English

Language - Its nature & importance in human life.

Meaning of Language → Aristotle has called man a social animal. As such, he needs to communicate his feelings & thoughts. It is only through language that he can communicate with his fellow beings. Thus, language is a unique possession of man. It shows his superiority over other animals. Language is the greatest gift with which man is endowed.

The word "language" has been derived from the Latin word 'Lingua' which implies tongue. French word 'Langue' and 'parole' is also related to language. Language is a specific form of speech which is conventional and belongs to particular community. For example - In India we have many languages like - Punjabi, Bengali, ~~Shor~~poori etc.

Definitions ⇒ "Language is a means of communicating of thoughts." — Allen.

"Ideas & feelings are the realization but when these revealed through a mouth is known as Language. — Plato

"Pronouncing words & sentences for expressing ideas, feelings & experiences is called language. — Ramchander ~~Verma~~

Characteristics of Language Development ⇒

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characteristics of language development are as follows.

I Semantics ⇒ The quality of language in which words are used as symbols for objects, events or ideas.

II. Syntax ⇒ The rules in a language for placing words in proper order to form meaningful sentences.

III. Productivity ⇒ The capacity to combine words into original sentences

IV. Displacement ⇒ The quality of a language that makes possible the efficient transmission of large amounts of complex knowledge from one person to another & from one generation to another.