

# COMP 20090: Introduction to Cognitive Science.

## Study Sheet: Language

What are the two main functions of language?

Why did the French Academy of Science ban theories about the evolution of language?

What are the principal concerns of these branches of linguistics:

- pragmatics
- semantics
- syntax
- morphology
- phonology
- phonetics

What is the relationship between phonetics and phonology?

What are Grice's conversational maxims, and how are they to be interpreted?

Syntactic anomaly and Semantic anomaly: examples...

Distinguish clearly between prescriptive vs descriptive approaches to grammar

Principals and parameters approach to language learning

What properties serve to distinguish human language from various forms of animal communication?

Name some features that human language and some systems of animal communication have in common.

What is the generative property of natural language?