

Glossary

XXto come: definitionsXX

1st person:

2nd person:

3rd person:

adjective

affix. A suffix or a prefix

affricate

allomorph

allophone

alveolar

animate

argument

argument structure

article

article: a determiner

aspect

assimilation

auxiliary verb

blocking

category

clause

cognate These words are *cognates* of each other, that is, each pair represents the development of a single word with a particular meaning in two different languages which diverged from a single source.

comparative

complementizer

compositional:

compounds, words made up of two words in combination

conjunction

consonant

content words

contractions, squeezed-together versions of two real words,

coronal

deixis

demonstrative

determiner

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digraph

entailment

epenthetic, epenthesis

foot A phonological unit made up of one or more syllables, one of which bears a strong stress and the others of which do not.

fricative

function words

Germanic languages

glide

homophone

homoseme

iamb: wS, apPEAR

iambic pentameter: poetry or prose written in lines consisting of five

iamb: Shakespeare.

idiom

idiomatization

IPA

irregular

labial

larynx

liquid

listeme. A morpheme or group of morphemes which has a non-compositional meaning—that is, a meaning that must be memorized, rather than figured out by combining the meanings of its parts. See also

idiom and *sign*

meronymy

metaphor

monomorphemic: made up of only one piece

morpheme

morphology

nasal

neologism

neologism

noun

noun phrase

obstruent Stop, affricate and fricative consonants involve a greater degree of obstruction of the oral cavity than liquids or glides; they are consequently called *obstruents*.

OED:

oral

orthography

palatal

parsing The process of analyzing the speech stream

part of speech

participle:

periphrastic, periphrasis

person:

phoneme

phonological word

phonological word

phonology

phonology

phrase

prefix. A morpheme attached to the beginning of a stem.

preposition

presupposition

productive:

Proto-Indo-European

Proto-Indo-European There was once a single language spoken by people living somewhere in Central Europe, the ancestor of nearly all the modern European languages, including English, and the ancestor of Hindi and other related languages on the Indian subcontinent.

quantifier

readjustment rule

regular

relation

relative clause

Romance languages

semantics

stem. A group of one or more morphemes, containing a root, to which another morpheme can be attached.

stop

suffix. A morpheme attached to the end of a stem.

superlative

syntax

syntax

taxonomy

tense

transitive (math)

transitive (syntax)

trochee: Sw, MOther

truth conditions

velar

verb

verb phrase

voice box

vowel