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Why do we need language?

KEY IDEA

We need language to communicate and express our thoughts.

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 - 5.2 Communicative function is most important.
 - 5.3 Language allows us to function in the world.



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OBJECTIVES

1. You can name the basic language functions.
2. You can indicate specific language functions in given examples.

FULL TEXT

1. Introduction

Language is very usefull tool. Almost everything we do, we do it through language: we communicate with others, think and experience. To think we need a language, to share our thought we need language, to express and describe our feelings we need a language.

2. Key idea

We need language to communicate and express ourselves.

3. Reasons

Language evolved as a communication tool. And this is the most important language function. In order to communicate with others, we need something which other people will also understand. This is language. So, primarily, language is for communication.

In order to be able to communicate with other people, we must first name everything around you – all objects, people, animals, plants, colors, shapes but also feelings and emotions. And this is another language function – naming the whole reality (all its elements) which surrounds us.

Once we have named the objects around us, we can talk/sign about them. But in communication with others, people want to describe more than the outside world. They also want to talk about



what is inside themselves. And this is another language function: expressing feelings, desires and emotions in a language. Thanks to this function, we can also tell others about our needs.

However, by saying words, we sometimes cause a concrete change of the reality around us. Language causes real changes around us. When words are spoken, they can do a lot. This is a great strength of language, because it can affect reality and strongly change it. During wedding ceremony sentence: “I now pronounce you husband and wife” will change human life (even for law). When, for example, we promise something or make an agreement, the use of language has important consequences in real life. When we promise something, we have to do it. Very often, what we say has influenced other people, their feelings, emotions, but also specific behaviors. By using language in a certain way, we often want to influence others and achieve our goals. Language is very powerful, when we want to convince other people to something. We can observe it in every commercial in TV. Also a lot of influencers in youtube use this language function

4. Consequences

All human knowledge is expressed in language. Without language we can't learn, can't get information. Low is expressed in language. Without access to language, we don't have access to our rights. Also communicating with other people will be very, very hard.

Without language we can not express ourself, communicate with others and understand world around us.

5. Conclusion

Language has many functions, because we spend most of our life in a language environment. That is why the communicative function seems most important. All other mentioned above (expression of thoughts, change of reality, naming objects and emotional states) are connected to our communication with the world, so also with other people. So language is something that connects people, and an element that makes human species special among other species on Earth. Thanks to language we can function in the world.