

## Language VOCAB – CHAPTER 6

### Reading Questions and Vocabulary Unit 6: Language *Fouberg: Chapter 6*

#### READING QUESTIONS

Write a minimum of one paragraph explanation/answer to each of the following questions. Your answer should include key human geography terms and fully explain the concept. **Write the question and the response in your five subject unit notebook.**

#### Chapter 6 Reading Questions

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is language? Discuss the importance and role of language as an element of culture. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain the concept of mutual intelligibility.</li> <li>• What is a standard language? How does the textbook explain a dialect and isogloss?</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Define sound shifts and explain how they can be used to trace a language back to its hearth or original language. Use Proto Indo-European as an example.</li> </ol>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Explain the conquest and agricultural theories of Proto-Indo-European language diffusion. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Explain and give examples of the difference between lingua franca, pidgin, and creole languages.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Explain the division of Europe into the following language groups and give specific examples from major groups: Germanic, Slavic, and Romance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain the language family associated with these language groups.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. What does the study of toponyms reveal about past and current cultures of a place? Explain and give examples of postcolonial and post revolution toponyms.</li> </ol>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. <b>CURRENT EVENT:</b> Locate a current events article (occurring within the past year) from a newspaper, news site (ex. NPR or BBC), or news magazine that relates to language. The event must be outside the United States. Cite the date, source and name of the article. You will write two paragraphs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paragraph one (4-6 Sentences) will explain the event – the who, what, where, why and when.</li> <li>• Paragraph two (4-6 Sentences) will draw connections between the event and FIVE Terms from Unit 6.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

Unit 6-Human Geo: Language <i>FOUBERG, Chapter 6</i> Language Mutual intelligibility Standard language Accent Dialects Slang Dialect chain Isogloss Language families Language branch Language group Subfamilies Sound shift Proto-Indo-European Proto-Tongue Backward reconstruction Extinct language Deep reconstruction Nostratic language Language Shift Language divergence Language convergence Language replacement	Conquest theory Dispersal hypothesis Romance languages Germanic languages Slavic languages Lingua franca Pidgin language Creole language Monolingual states Multilingual states Official language Global language Toponyms MAJOR LANGUAGE FAMILIES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Know what major languages are associated with these families and where we find these languages today.</i></li> </ul> Afro-asiatic Family Amerind Family Austronesian Family Dravidian Family Indo-European Family Niger-Congo Family Sino-Tibetan Family
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