

The word linguistics has been derived from Latin word lingua (tongue) and istics (knowledge and science).Linguistics refers to the study of language in its different aspects including phonology, morphology, syntax and semantics.The major tenet of linguistics work on specific languages, yet, its primary goal is to understand the nature of language in general.Hence, Linguistics is the scientific study of any aspect of language.In other terms, it is seen as a science in the sense that it scientifically studies the rules, systems and principles of human languages.According to Lyons (1981: 16) 'Linguistics is commonly defined as a science of language.Likewise, any other disciplines, it strives to help people increase their knowledge and understanding of the world.