

Linguistics is the scientific study of language. A linguist might aim to provide an accurate and complete description of a particular language, or focus on a particular aspect of a language, such as an area of grammar or pronunciation. As well as being interested in language structure, linguists also study the way that language is used, and this can cover a very broad range of subjects. A language is central to so many areas of human activity. Phonology, on the other hand, is the study of the sound systems and patterns within a language.