

Vocab list Chapter 4 Geography of Languages

Family, Branch, Language Dialects Accents

Isogloss

Pidgin Creole

Official Language Lingua Franca

Bilingual/Multi-lingual Polyglot

Language Regions- study regions on the map based on classification of all Language **Families**; all **Branches** of Indo-European families (e.g. Slavic, Indic Romance etc.); and **Individual languages of Indo-European** (e.g. French, Portuguese, Hungarian for the exam map.

Where are **Language Refuge** areas and what are causes for a diversity of language?

Extinct or endangered languages; where and why?

What makes languages more stable? less likely to shift or “slide” over time?

Language Diffusion

Barriers to diffusion (both cultural and environmental examples).

Borrowing or exporting languages and vocabulary. Examples? Colonialism in Africa; Conquest of the Americas; Technologies that spread language in 18th 19th and 20th Century.....Technologies of 21st Century?

Language Ecology; What does this mean and what are some examples? Why would the natural environment influence language or new words?

Language Landscapes How can language affect the cultural landscape?

Toponyms; Generic toponyms: What are theses? Can you give examples in your home region?

Past culture’s toponyms; Oneida, NY Osage County Keokuk, IA Coos County, Rome, OR. Why would people continue to use them?

Language Interaction: All aspects of culture including religion, economy, foods, values, agriculture, technology, politics, art, nature, etal. For example the Navajo language dispute over whether a non- Navajo speaker can run for high office to lead the Navajo Nation of People (language and politics and cultural identity). Another example is Facebook’s attempts to use language as a vehicle for business and culture to expand in the Chinese market. (language, technology, business, culture, economics interacting) Can you think of other adjustments that may be made to other aspects or elements of Navajo or Chinese culture?

Direct languages and indirect languages ; formal informal languages; regarding cultural values etal.

Video on Texting (Jon McWhorter)