PART I. BEGINNING LINGUISTICS: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF LANGUAGE

KEY TOPIC(S):
- The medium of language

DIRECTIONS

Read carefully and critically the following three texts, applying the points suggested in Reading assignment 1 before you come to the next class session. Everyone's participation in the group discussion can enrich our knowledge and understanding of issues pertaining to linguistics, so please get involved when we discuss these texts in class.

Readings for the next class session

CABTREE, Monica y POWERS, Joyce (comp.) (1991): Language Files: Materials for an Introduction to Language, Columbus: Ohio State University Press, 5th ed.:
  - “Speech and Writing” (p. 7-8) and “Visual languages: true language?” (p. 399-402).


DO NOT FORGET...

Before reading it...
- ask yourself what your prior knowledge of the subject was.
- ask yourself what predictions you made about what the text was about and what you would encounter next in the text.

As you read it...
- Mark the Thesis and Main Points of the Piece.
- Mark Key Terms and Unfamiliar Words.
- Underline Important Ideas and Memorable Images.
- Write Your Questions and/or Comments in the Margins of the Piece.
- Write any Personal Experience Related to the Piece.
- Mark Confusing Parts of the Piece, or Sections that Warrant a Reread.
- Underline the Sources, if any, the Author has Used.
- Summarizing.

After reading it...
- Briefly summarize the arguments and describe your opinions on and reactions to the issues introduced in the text.