Week 12

practical sessions

Project Based Learning (PBL) –
– Creating your own Linguistics Collage

Driving question:
How many myths and popular misconceptions about language are there and why is it important to dispel them?

Rough Draft of Our Presentation

The group has 40 minutes to complete the following task. Your rough draft should include a detailed description of what you are going to say. It should consist of two parts: 1) an outline or storyboard of your presentation; and 2) a word for word description of what you will be saying. Please remember that your presentation should include the following three components:

a) Introduction: The introduction gets the audience’s attention and focuses it. Do not forget that before you begin your oral presentation, you should state your name, names of your group members, and title of the collage that you are presenting.

b) Body of your speech: The body has the main arguments and points with supporting evidence.

c) Summary: the summary reinforces what you want the audience to remember by summarising the major ideas at the end of your talk.

POINTS TO CONSIDER WHEN GIVING THE TALK

- Make sure you know the material thoroughly. Avoid repetition.
- It has become common practice to incorporate ‘fillers’ such as “okay, you know, uhhh” when we speak. Attempt to avoid using these ‘fillers’ when giving an oral presentation.
- Do not begin your talk by saying that you are unable to present your material in the allotted time period. As a linguistics student you are expected to communicate in an appropriate way.
- DO NOT RUSH. Speak slowly and clearly.
- Do not mumble, make eye contact with the audience, and do not turn your back on the audience.
- Show your enthusiasm about the material that you are presenting.
- Do not end your talk abruptly. Prepare your audience for the end, and at the end of the talk, say something like “Thank you” or “I will be pleased to answer questions from the audience”.
- In answering questions, paraphrase the question first before responding, do not answer a question if you do not understand it, politely ask for clarification, and if you do not know the answer to a question, just say “I don’t know”.

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