

Essential Linguistic Knowledge for Educators

Basic Linguistic Units

Delve into the building blocks of language: phonemes, morphemes, words, phrases, clauses, and discourse structures.

Phonemic Awareness

Develop an acute awareness of phonemic differences, both within and across languages.

Morphological Understanding

Explore the roles of free and bound morphemes in word formation and spelling.

Grammatical Structures

Cultivate an understanding of how grammatical structures vary across languages to better support English learners.

English Spelling Complexity

Unpack the complex etymological and morphological roots of English spelling.

Orthographic Systems

Gain insights into various orthographic systems to better understand and address the spelling challenges.

Vocabulary Acquisition

Emphasize teaching vocabulary within contextual, moving beyond rote memorization.

Instructional Strategies

Provide recurring exposure to vocabulary and grammatical structures.

Reference:

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