Linguistics

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- Scientific study of language
 - Language structure
 - Language use
- Linguist often learn how to learn a primary of secondary language
- Syntax: Form (rules of order)
- Semantics: Content that is communicated
- Pragmatic: Use (Context)
- Conventional signs, fingerspelling, NMF, gestures, enactments, mouth gestures and mouthing

1		Spoken languages					Sign languages					
	Discourse	conversations						conversations				
	Syntax	sentences						sentences				
	Morphology	words						signs				
	Phonology	S	0	u	n	d	S	hs	ori	mov	loc	nmf



Syntax

- The rules of how signs/words are put together into phrases
- AKA grammar
- Sign Order:
 - o Timeframe: Past me small age-4, me know not other deaf
 - Setting (Context/Location): Deaf school PT, not many teachers deaf
 - Person (Subject doing action): Interpreter PT, can't understand Sydney region sign
 - Topic then the rest (Description/Question)
 - Place then Questions: School Where

Word Classes

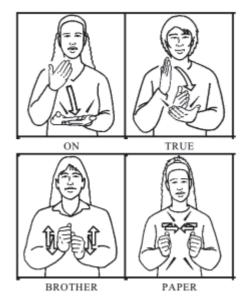
- Types of words that are put in order to make a sentence
- Can be blurred in Auslan
 - Adjectives may not be separate signs and may be attached to verbs, act as verbs, or NMF
 - o Adverbs are often no separate signs in AUSLAN but are incorporated into verbs
 - o Determiners, pronouns and pointing look similar
 - o Prepositions are often not show through separate signs
- Noun
- Verb
- Adjective: Describes a nounAdverbs: Describes a verb
- Determiners
- Auxiliary verbs
- Prepositions
- Conjunctions

- Pronouns
- Interjections

Parameters

- Handshape:
 - Eg. Work and Talk
 - William Stokoe (1960)
- Location:
 - o Eg. Beautiful and Well
 - William Stokoe (1960)
- Movement:
 - o Eg. 6 and 16
 - William Stokoe (1960)
- Orientation:
 - o Eg. On or True
 - o Robin Battison (1978)
- NMF (1980s studied)





Morphology

- Walk -> Walked
- Walked -> Quickly walked by depicting it faster
- Repeat signs to emphasis something
 - o Eg. Repeat wait sign to indicate waiting for a long time
- Repeat verbs to show an aspect
- Manner/Degree:
 - o Tells how something happened
 - o Eg. Walk vs struggling to walk
- Directional verbs: Show person, number and distribution
- Repetition of nouns to show plurality