

Sociolinguistics and Language Change

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Abstract : Throughout the ages, language has been viewed not only as a simple code of communicating information but rather as the most powerful and versatile medium of maintaining relationships with other people. While, by the end of the 18th century, such matters of scientific investigation concerning the study of human language began to occur under the scope of "Linguistics" generally defined as the scientific study of language. Linguistics, thus, provides a growing body of scientific knowledge about language which can guide the activity of the language teacher and student as well. Moreover, as times passed, the linguistic development engaged language in a broadly practiced academic discipline having relationship with other sciences such as: psychology, sociology, anthropology etc. Therefore, "Sociolinguistics" was given birth during the 1960's. In fact, the given abstract is mainly linguistic, inserted under the scope of "Sociolinguistics" and by far it highlights on the process of linguistic variation and language change to show that all languages change through time and linguistic systems may vary from one speech community to another providing there is a sense of vitality where people of different parts of the globe may mutually and intelligibly communicate and comprehend each other.

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