

Assignment No. 1

Due: 4 June 2015

There is no word limit/requirement for this exercise and bullet points would be preferred. You may write in any variety you are competent in, such as English, French, Spanish, German and/or Arabic. The grammar, spelling, and prescriptive conventions are not evaluated for the assignment. You do not need to edit, revise a number of times, or attend in any special way to form or language. You should just write in a way that is clear to you.

Popular Discussions of Language in the Media

Look online for an article on a blog, online magazine or newspaper that discusses language. Make two columns: 1) statements about language you agree with; 2) statements about language you disagree with. Bring this to class, but it will not be collected, and discuss it in class.

Popular Views of Language

Provoke someone to share their opinions about language with you. Ask someone what they think about the language of a specific group and make notes. You don't need to record who said what.