

Discussion Questions

Language Maintenance

- How can we prevent the decline of indigenous languages and encourage their continuous use?
- In what way do language policies impact the success of language maintenance efforts?
- How does the media influence language maintenance, either supporting or hindering such efforts?
- How does global interconnectedness and digital communication both help and threaten language maintenance goals?
- How does building pride and a sense of identity in a language help it survive across generations?
- How can individuals actively participate in maintaining their language within their communities?

Language Variation

- How does language variation contribute to the richness and diversity of communication within a community?
- How do socio-economic factors influence language variation within different social groups?
- How does the media contribute to or reflect language variation, especially in terms of accents and vocabulary?
- To what extent does language variation affect mutual understanding between speakers of the same language?
- How can language variation be both a source of inclusivity and exclusion within a society?
- What impact does migration and cultural exchange have on language variation, and how do languages adapt in multicultural settings?