

# RESEARCH TOPICS

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## **An Investigation into Issues relating to Sociolinguistics**

### **1/ Idiolects**

- 1.1. Favorite topics in everyday conversations.
- 1.2. Favorite non-verbal means frequently used in conversations.

### **2/ (Regional) Dialects**

- 2.1. Regional / Territory Dialects
  - 2.1.1 Varieties of Vietnamese: Northern Vietnamese  
Central Vietnamese  
Southern Vietnamese
  - 2.1.2. Vietnamese English
- 2.2. International Englishes/Global Englishes

## **3/ Social Dialects/ Sociolects**

### **3.1. Language and Gender**

- 3.1.1. Women's and Men's Languages.
- 3.1.2. Contrasts in Male and Female Language Use
- 3.1.3. Gender and Politeness.

### **3. 2. Language and Age**

- 3. 2.1. Some widely used baby talk words & phrases in Vietnamese.
- 3. 2.2. Teen-Talk
- 3. 2.3. Slangs (Teen, Criminals, Pollution, Fighting, Legal, Students.. )

### **3. 3. Language and interests**

- 3. 3.1. Taboos
- 3. 3. 2. Swearing
- 3. 3.3. Cursing
- 3. 3. 4. Euphemisms
- 3. 3. 5. Code-switching
- 3. 3. 6. Bilingualism/Multilingualisms
- 3. 3. 7. Pidgin

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## 4/ Language and Culture

- 4.1. Language, Social Status, Social Role, Social Solidarity, Social power and Social Distance
- 4.2. The factors influencing addressing people
- 4.3. The ways to address people
- 4.4 The ways to name people

## 5/ Language and communication

- 5.1. The factors affecting talk and silence
  - (a) age; (b) sex; (c) family relations;
  - (d) social relations; (e) positions; (f) professions;
  - (g) events, situations; (h) cultural rules; (i) taboos...
- 5.2. Linguistic routine

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## **6. Changes in language**

**6.1.** Causes for language changes.

**6. 2.** Types of changes: Phonetic, Grammatical, Semantic-Lexical, Borrowings

**7/ Ways and methods contributing to language development**

**Factors affecting language development.**

