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CLASS 2: INTRODUCTION TO ENGLISH GRAMMAR

OVERVIEW

- standard English and non-standard varieties
 - formal and informal styles
- descriptive and prescriptive approaches to grammar

🔍 Standard English, dialect, accent — grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation

TERMINOLOGY

- components of grammar

🔍 *form* (syntax, morphology), *meaning* (semantics), *sound* (phonology)
word classes / categories: noun, verb, adjective, adverb, preposition...
grammatical terms: subject and object, tense and aspect, clause types...

- tense
 - past tense = past tense?
- clause types
 - imperative = imperative?

🔍 *general* (cross-linguistic, universal) and *language-particular* levels

LINGUISTICS

- some definitions
- explanation
- language phenomena
 - ambiguity, data, predictions
- induction and deduction
- explicitness, simplicity
- elegance, parsimony, economy
- doubt

🔍 *experiments – hypotheses*
regularities, patterns, general laws,
order, explanation, predictions

🔍 *readings, structure, compositionality*
square brackets / –ing, structural
attested, competence

🔍 *empirical, theoretical, systematicity*