LIST OF BASIC TERMS IN LINGUISTICS

The following list comprises the basic terms in linguistics which you need to know, be able to define and/or explain and use for the linguistic part of the Zwischenprüfung or Vorprüfung.

1. GENERAL TERMS


2. PHONETICS/PHONOLOGY


3. MORPHOLOGY/WORD-FORMATION


4. SYNTAX/GRAMMAR


**elements of clause structure:** subject – verb – direct/indirect object – subject/object complement – adverbial


5. **SEMANTICS / PRAGMATICS**


6. **SOCIOLINGUISTICS**


7. **TEXTLINGUISTICS / STYLISTICS**


8. **HISTORICAL LINGUISTICS / DIACHRONIC LINGUISTICS**

borrowing/loan word/foreign word – consociation vs. dissociation – etymology — Great Vowel Shift (GVS) – Grimm’s Law – Old English/Middle English/Early Modern English – sound change (conditioned ‘kombinatorisch’ vs. unconditioned ‘spontan’)