



LANGUAGE AND THOUGHT: A CRITICAL APPRAISAL TO WITTGENSTEIN AND FODOR.

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Abstract

This research explores the critical study of language and thought. It is a response to Wittgenstein and Fodor who believe in priority, superiority, and individuality of language and thought. In this paper, we can resolve this language and thought dichotomy to discuss the concept of priority issue. We shall argue that language and thought are modular concepts inside mind and there are also other modules present in our mind. This paper determines the role of language and thought and their priority in mind. Furthermore, this article shows inconsistency in priority, superiority and individuality. It also explores the role of quantification theory which discusses about the structure of thought and language, as well as about the model logic theory which discusses about the semantic part of language and thought. I shall also argue language and thought priority in Wittgenstein's and Fodor's thesis.

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Introduction

The purpose of this paper is that language and thought are intimately related to each other and their intimacy has led to priority of one over the other. Analytical tradition asserts less stress on the communicative part of language and thought, and more stress on structure, function, and abduction. Language and Thought are the concepts that have their individual nature in the domain of linguistics and logic. However, in this paper, I will consider only the philosophical nature of language and thought which would be further described on the basis of analytical methodology.