

Theoretical Framework

Dialectology

Dialectology is the study of how sounds, words and grammatical forms vary from one dialect to the other within a single language. The Layman's definition of a dialect is a non-standard, low status, often-rustic form of language, compared to the standard language. It is generally associated with the peasantry, the working class, or other groups lacking in prestige, and often it has no written form. It is regarded as some kind of deviation from the norm, as an aberration of the correct standard form of a language. On the other hand, the standard language is a form of communication, which is more prestigious than dialect (Chambers and Trudgill, 1998).