

Discuss the various roles perception and language can play in establishing our cultural identities

What's perception exactly? It can be detected as the 5 senses we use on daily basis to visualize and understand today's world. What about language? Language comes in use in 3 different forms; either as spoken, written or body language. Now in 2015, spoken and body language are used more often than written language. Unless we're talking about texting addicts, it's a totally different case. Nowadays, both concepts play similar important roles yet one shapes up the other. According to several theories, we might assume language radically shapes up our perception. Proof to this statement is the Principle of Linguistic Relativity which claims the type of structure a language has can have an effect on the ways speakers conceive their view of the world. What most speakers don't realize is that language isn't a representational tool; rather the first stage to shaping our perception.

When we talk about the relation between perception and cultural identities, perception plays a less important role than language. Why is that? There are multiple cultures which deliberate certain things in different ways. People start having a different view of situations which shapes up the 5 senses they use. For example, western cultures understand some words differently than people from the Eastern cultures which results into 2 different perceptions of the situation. Though it's not a large issue, it brings up numerous situations of confusions among citizens. Digging deeper into the subject, in reality, it's cultures which shape up our perception rather than perception shaping our cultural identities due to the fact perception misleads us through imagination and false thoughts. Perception is also known as the second stage after language inside of the development of cultural identities and at that point, not a big difference has occurred to a person's cultural identities except for its thoughts/emotions/experiences.

How about language? Why does it have a more important role than perception? Language isn't senses, but thoughts/emotions/words. These three concepts are powerful enough to be the basis of how we visualize the world and it is influenced by categories and patterns of the language a person speaks. Through someone's thoughts or emotions, one or more of the 5 senses get affected. Through that, language has control on how you perceive the situation. For example, I used to be tired on a same constant time every single day because I was on the edge of deprived naptime and my thoughts were forcing me to think that I was "truly" tired. Because of those thoughts, my