A COURSE MODULE IN LINGUISTIC RESEARCH METHODOLOGY AND PRACTICE (A brief introduction)

methodology /ˌmeθə'dɔləʤɪ/

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WHAT IS METHODOLOGY?

Methodology [mεθə'dɒlədʒɪ], -gies is 1) the system of methods and principles used in a particular discipline, in some particular area of study or activity.

2) the branch of philosophy concerned with the science of method and procedure.

WHAT IS METHOD?

Method /'meθəd/ is a particular procedure for accomplishing or approaching something, especially a systematic or established one.

via Latin from Greek methodos 'pursuit of knowledge', from meta-(expressing development) + hodos 'way'

WHAT IS METHOD LIKE?

Distributive Analysis is a method of linguistic research in which the classification of linguistic units and the study of their features are carried out on the basis of the distribution of the units in question in the spoken chain—that is, on the basis of their *combinability* with other units, which are called the *environment*, or context, of the units in question. Distributive analysis was devised by representatives of so-called descriptive linguistics.

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- The **distribution** of a unit is the sum total of all its environments.
- The environment of a unit may be either "right" or "left".
- There are **three main types of distribution** :
- 1) contrastive;
- 2) non-contrastive;
- 3) complementary.

The **distributional analysis** is used to fix and study the units of language in relation to their contextual environments, i. e. adjoining elements in the text. The study is conducted in **two stages**. *At the first stage*, the analyzed text is divided into *recurrent segments* consisting of phonemes. These segments are called "**morphs**". *At the second stage*, the environmental features of the morphs are established and the corresponding **identifications** are effected.

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Such morphs constitute *different morphemes* (eg. play-ed, play-ing).

Contrastive and non-contrastive distribution concern identical environments of different morphs. The morphs are said to be in **noncontrastive distribution** *if their meaning is the same*.

Such morphs constitute "free alternants", or "free variants" of the same morpheme (eg. burn-ed, burn-t).

/ 'vɛəɹi.ənt /; /ɔːl'tɜːnənt/;/ ˌɔːltə'neɪʃ(ə)n/

Complementary distribution concerns different environments of formally different morphs which are united by the same meaning.

If two or more morphs have *the same meaning* and the difference in their form is *explained by different environments*, these morphs are said to be in complementary distribution and considered the *allomorphs* of the same morpheme (eg. Desks /-s/, girls /- z/, glasses /-iz/).

Method application restrictions

The Distributional Analysis is a good example of finding relevant interrelation between linguistic syntagmatic and paradigmatic structures, such as meaning and word structure. The transfer of distribution analysis to other levels or areas of linguistic text processing may be a bit problematic, since real life texts admit (or incur) **amphibolic** [.æm(p)fi'bolık] **expressions** like 'fat major's wife' which may mean both that major is fat or his wife is.

WHAT IS RESEARCH ?

Research [rɪ'sɜːtʃ] is a systematic investigation to establish facts or principles (or to collect information on a subject).

Syn: investigation, experimentation, testing, analysis, fact-finding, fieldwork, examination, scrutiny etc.

To research – исследовать.

to carry out investigations into (a subject, problem, etc.) Syn: investigate, study, enquire into, look into, probe, explore, analyse, examine, scrutinize etc.

WHAT IS RESEARCH ?

The TASK Write down ten synonyms of the English verb 'to research'

WHAT KIND OF RESEARCH ?

researchwork	— научно-исследовательская работа (НИР)
independent / original	— независимое, оригинальное
research	исследование
detailed / thorough	— детальное, обстоятельное
research	исследование
laborious / painstaking	— трудоёмкое, напряжённое
research	исследование
solid research	— серьёзное, глубокое исследование
applied research	— прикладное исследование

Check yourself! WHAT KIND OF RESEARCH ?

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	— серьёзное, глубокое исследование
	— прикладное исследование

WHAT KIND OF RESEARCH ?

to be engaged in research	 — заниматься научно- исследовательской работой
to conduct / do / pursue research	- проводить исследования
to carry out a research into the causes of cancer	 исследовать причины заболевания раком
His researches have been fruitful.	— Его исследования принесли плоды.

Check yourself! WHAT KIND OF RESEARCH ?

— заниматься научно- исследовательской работой
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English academic research collocations. Check yourself!



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English academic research collocations. Check yourself!



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English academic research collocations. Check yourself!



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WHAT IS METHODOLOGY?

Methodology [ˌmɛθəˈdɒlədʒɪ] (derived from *method* and *logic*)
is the study of structure, logical organization, methods and means of activity;
The methodology of science is the doctrine of the principles of construction, forms and methods of scientific knowledge.

Methodology [ˌmɛθə'dɒlədʒɪ] is the doctrine of the structure, logical organization, methods and means of activity. So Methodology at large forms a necessary component of any activity as the latter becomes the subject of awareness, learning and rationalization.

METHODOLOGY and ACTIVITY Methodological knowledge acts in the form of both prescriptions and norms, which fix the content and sequence of certain activities (normative M.), and **descriptions** of actually performed activities (descriptive M.). In both cases, the main function of this knowledge is the internal organization and **regulation** of the process of cognition or practical transformation of an object.

METHODOLOGY and ACTIVITY In modern scientific and methodological discourse, M. is interpreted primarily as M. of scientific knowledge (or research), that is, the doctrine concerning the principles of construction, as well as forms and methods of scientific and cognitive activity.

Methodology of science gives a description of the components of a research study — its object, subject of analysis, research task (or problem), research tools required to solve a given type of problem, and also forms an idea of the sequence of the researcher's progress in the task-solving process.

The most important points of application of M. are the problem statement (this is where the most frequent methodological errors occur, leading to the advancement of pseudo-problems or significantly complicating the receipt of the result),

... the construction of the subject of research and the construction of a scientific theory, as well as verification of the results obtained in terms of its truth, i. e. conformity to the object of study.

Modern philosophical and methodological studies revealed some important mechanisms for the functioning and development of scientific research and knowledge:

laws of succession of the change of scientific theories (the correspondence principle);
the presence of a "paradigm" of thinking specific to each era of the development of science (i.e., a set of implicitly defined regulative principles);

 methodological features of artificial languages used in science;

- **specifics** of various types of scientific explanation;
- methods of building scientific theories (deductive, hypothetical-deductive, genetic, etc.),

• characteristics of a number of methodological areas of modern cognition (systems approach, structuralism, cybernetic methods, principles of probabilistic thinking etc.).

Since the 1950s. in M. science, problems of generating and **changing knowledge systems** begin to occupy a prominent place. The Austrian-born British logician [lɔ'dʒ1ʃ(ə)n] and philosopher K. Sir Karl Popper, (1902-94) tries to explain this process on the basis of the principle of falsification put forward by him, that is, the systematic refutation of existing theories.

American investigator of history of science Thomas Samuel Kuhn /ku:n/(1922 –1996) formulates the concept of the development of science through **scientific revolutions**, leading to a radical **change of paradigms** of scientific thinking.

See: <u>Structure of Scientific Revolutions.pdf</u> (Beware! Circa ['s3:kə] 210 pp.!)

English (I say '**Hungarian**') mathematician and philosopher Imre Lakatos [UK: /'lækətɒs/, US: /-toʊs/; ['lɒkɒtoʃ 'imrɛ] (1922 –1974) proposed the idea of the development of science based on the foregrounding, advancement [əd'vɑːn(t)smənt] and implementation of a certain sequence of research programs.

An important aspect of these and other studies is the broad criticism of the **neopositivis**t ideas about M. science and its subject matter for the narrowness of their initial premises ['premisiz]. In this regard, in the works of some Soviet as well as modern Russian and foreign researchers, M.'s concept is developed, based on the **Principle of Acti**vity. The latter one presents M. as a systematic theory of research activity.

The development of this concept is accompanied by a criticism of Popper's falsificationism (for one-sided presentation of the process of knowledge development) and Kuhn's concept of SR (for his denial of continuity in the development of knowledge).

- The special-scientific M., in turn, is divided into several levels:
- (1) general scientific methodological concept and direction and (2) M. of individual sciences, methods and techniques of research.
 Starting from the 2nd half of the 2oth century, the first of these levels (which is far from homogeneous in content) has undergone especially rapid development.

The reasons for its emergence and growth are the **universalization of means of knowledge**, facilitated by this generalized formulation of scientific problems, as well as the **desire for synthesis**, which becomes dominant in the thinking style of modern science.

vowel ['vauəl] / consonant ['kɔn(t)s(ə)nənt] Kinds of Language Universals

AN ABSOLUTE UNIVERSAL	A STATISTICAL UNIVERSAL
ABSOLUTE UNIVERSALS refer to properties found in all languages	STATISTICAL UNIVERSALS reflect important trends that are found in a predominant part of the languages of the world, but not necessarily in all.
All languages have vowels and consonants.	Subjects tend strongly to precede objects.

Kinds of Language Universals

A Language Universal Type	An example
AN IMPLICATIONAL UNIVERSAL	If a language has voiced fricatives, it also has unvoiced fricatives, but not necessarily the other way round.
AN NON- IMPLICATIONAL UNIVERSAL	Present or absent in natural languages without reference to any other properties of the given language.

There are such universalist theories that directly describe the broad scope of reality from a certain angle, that is, from the standpoint of a certain methodological principle (such as the concept of the **noosphere**, for example) or theoretical cybernetics); universal conceptual systems (such as the **general system theory** of Ludwig von Bertalanffy), aimed at identifying universal concepts and categories of scientific thinking through the analysis of the material of science itself. See: <u>General_System_Theory_1968.pdf</u> 289 p.

The Activity is a specifically human form of an active relation to the surrounding world, the contents of which constitute its goal-related expedient change and transformation. The Activity of human implies a certain opposition of the **subject** and the **object** of Activity. So a person opposes to himself an object of Activity as a material that resists the influence of a person and then must get a new form and properties, turning it into product of human Activity.

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Each **Activity** includes: (a) the goal, (b) the means, (c) the result (d) and the process of Activity itself, and, therefore, an integral characteristic of Activity is its (e) awareness on part of its subject. Activity is the real driving force of social progress and the condition of the very existence of society.

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As a philosophical principle, the concept of Activity was established within German classical philosophy, when a new concept of personality triumphed in European culture, characterized by rationality, diverse areas of activity and initiative, and the prerequisites were created for considering Activity as the basis and principle of all culture.

English Activity

Activity	activities
Activity	occupation
Activity	job
Activity	action, actions
Activity	agency
Activity	business
Activity	career
Activity	energies
Activity	function
Activity	movement
Activity	play

HYPOTHESIS [hai'ppθisis], -ses [-,si:z]

1) a suggested explanation for a group of facts or phenomena, either accepted as a basis for further verification (*working hypothesis*) or *accepted* as likely to be true /in theory/.

2) an assumption used in an argument without its being endorsed; a supposition.

3) an unproved theory; a conjecture.

• Etymology: from Greek, from hupotithenai to propose, suppose, literally: put under.

• A hypothesis is a proposition made as a basis for reasoning, without any assumption of its truth.

• A hypothesis is an unproved theory; a conjecture [kən'dʒektʃə].

 A hypothesis is an assumption used in an argument without its being endorsed; a supposition.

 A hypothesis is a suggested explanation for a group of facts or phenomena, either accepted as a basis for further verification (working hypothesis) or accepted as likely to be true /i.e. a theory/.

 A hypothesis is an idea which is suggested as a possible explanation for a particular situation or condition, but which has not yet been proved to be correct.

• A hypothesis is a supposition or proposed explanation made on the basis of limited evidence as a <u>starting</u> point for further investigation.

WHAT IS NULL HYPOTHESIS?

 The null hypothesis is assumed to be true unless the test suggests otherwise, in which case it is rejected in favour of the alternative [o:l't3:nətɪv] hypothesis.

WHAT IS NULL HYPOTHESIS?

• The null hypothesis is the residual [rɪ'zɪdjuəl] hypothesis if the alternative [ɔːl'tɜːnətɪv] hypothesis tested against it fails to achieve a predetermined significance level.

HYPOTHESIS [hai'ppθisis] MEANINGS

under the hypothesis of a theorem ...

= по условию теоремы ...

[haɪ'ppθɪsɪs] late 16th cent.: via late Latin from Greek hypothesis 'foundation,' from hypo 'under' + thesis 'placing.'

HYPOTHESIS [hai'ppθisis] MEANINGS

testable hypothesis

= проверяемая гипотеза ... (maths)

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HYPOTHESIS [hai'ppθisis] MEANINGS

tested hypothesis

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HYPOTHESIS [hai'ppθisis], -ses [-,siz]



HYPOTHESIS [hai'ppθisis], -ses [-,si:z]



— Они исходили из предположения, что припасы прибудут <u>вовремя</u>.

HYPOTHESIS [hai'ppθisis], -ses [-,si:z]



— У неё была теория, что если будешь пить молоко, то <u>не</u> простудишься.

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH HYPOTHESIS?

1) to accept hypothesis	— принять гипотезу
2) to advance a hypothesis (that)	 – выдвигать гипотезу (, согласно
	которой)
3) to confirm a hypothesis	— подтверждать гипотезу
4) to formulate a hypothesis	— выдвигать / формулировать
	гипотезу
5) to propose a hypothesis	— выдвигать / предлагать гипотезу
6) to put forward a scientific	— выдвигать научную гипотезу
hypothesis	
7) to make a hypothesis	— строить / выдвигать гипотезу
8) to form a hypothesis	— строить / выдвигать гипотезу
9) to frame a hypothesis	— строить / представлять гипотезу

Check yourself! WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH HYPOTHESIS?

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WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH HYPOTHESIS?

to test a hypothesis with	– проверять гипотезу на
experiment	опыте
to test a statistical hypothesis	- проверять статистическую
	гипотезу
to reject a hypothesis	— отвергать гипотезу
to refine a hypothesis	— уточнить гипотезу
to refute a contention /	— опровергать заявление /
statement or assumption	утверждение / допущение
	(т.е. гипотезу)

The working hypothesis is tested and refined through discussion.

Check yourself! WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH HYPOTHESIS?

	– проверять гипотезу на
	опыте
	– проверять статистическую
	гипотезу
	— отвергать гипотезу
	— уточнить гипотезу
	— опровергать заявление /
	утверждение / допущение
	(т.е. гипотезу)
Рабочая гипотеза проверя	ется и уточняется на основе
обсуждения.	

auxiliary [ɔːgˈzɪlɪ(ə)rɪ]

WHAT KIND OF HYPOTHESIS ?

1. null hypothesis	— начальная гипотеза
2. ad hoc hypothesis	— гипотеза для данного случая
3. working hypothesis	— рабочая гипотеза
4. accepted hypothesis	— принятая гипотеза
5. acceptable hypothesis	— допустимая /приемлемая
	гипотеза
6. admissible hypothesis	— допустимая /приемлемая
	гипотеза
7. auxiliary hypothesis	— вспомогательная гипотеза
8. coarse [kɔːs] hypothesis	 приближённая гипотеза

Check yourself! auxiliary [ɔːg'zɪlɪ(ə)rɪ] WHAT KIND OF HYPOTHESIS ?

— начальная гипотеза
— гипотеза для данного случая
— рабочая гипотеза
— принятая гипотеза
— допустимая /приемлемая
гипотеза
— допустимая /приемлемая
гипотеза
— вспомогательная гипотеза
— приближённая гипотеза

WHAT KIND OF HYPOTHESIS ?

9. complementary hypothesis	— дополнительная гипотеза
10. composite hypothesis	— сложная гипотеза, составная
	гипотеза
11. confirmable hypothesis	— подтверждаемая гипотеза
12. confirmed hypothesis	— подтвержданная гипотеза
13. false hypothesis	— ложная гипотеза / неверная
	гипотеза
14. implicit hypothesis	— неявная / подразумеваемая
	гипотеза
15. rejected hypothesis	— отвергнутая [отклонённая] гипотеза
16. research hypothesis	— альтернативная гипотеза

Check yourself! WHAT KIND OF HYPOTHESIS ?

— дополнительная гипотеза
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— подтвержданная гипотеза
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— неявная / подразумеваемая
гипотеза
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— альтернативная гипотеза

WHAT KIND OF HYPOTHESIS ?

17. alternative [ɔːl'tɜːnətɪv] H	— альтернативная гипотеза
18. one-sided alternative H	— односторонняя
	альтернативная гипотеза
19. the residual [rɪ'zɪdjuəl]	— остаточная гипотеза
hypothesis	
20. single / simple hypothesis	— простая гипотеза
21. statistical hypothesis	— статистическая гипотеза
22.two-sided alternative	— двусторонняя альтернативная
hypothesis	гипотеза
23. true hypothesis	— истинная / верная гипотеза
24.hypothesis under test	— проверяемая гипотеза

Check yourself! WHAT KIND OF HYPOTHESIS ?

	— альтернативная гипотеза
	— односторонняя
	альтернативная гипотеза
	— остаточная гипотеза
	— простая гипотеза
	— статистическая гипотеза
	— двусторонняя альтернативная
	гипотеза
	— истинная / верная гипотеза
	— проверяемая гипотеза

WHAT IS THEORY ['θιǝrι] ?

Theory ['θι**ə**rɪ] is an idea used to account for a situation or justify a course of action.

Theory ['θιǝrι] is an ideal or hypothetical situation (esp in the phrase in theory).

Theory ['θιǝrɪ] is abstract knowledge or reasoning.

Theory ['θιǝrι] is a speculative or conjectural view or idea.

WHAT IS THEORY ['θιǝri] ?

Theory ['θιǝrι] is a set of principles on which the practice of an activity is based.

WHAT IS THEORY ['θιǝrι] ?

Theory ['θιǝrι] is a supposition or a system of ideas intended to explain something, especially one based on general principles independent of the thing to be explained.

WHAT IS THEORY ['θιǝrι] ?

Theory ['θιǝrι] is a system of rules, procedures, and assumptions used to produce a result.

WHAT IS THEORY ['θιǝri] ?

Theory ['θιǝrɪ] is a set of hypotheses related by logical or mathematical arguments to explain and predict a wide variety of connected phenomena in general terms.

IN THEORY

- 'in theory' in colloquial English is used in describing what is supposed to happen or be possible, usually with the implication that it does not in fact happen.
- If you have a theory about something, you have your own opinion about it which you cannot prove but which you think is true.
- There was a theory that he wanted to marry her...

IN THEORY

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In theory, things can only get better; ☺
in practice, they may well become a lot worse.☺ ☺

WHAT IS THEORY ['θιǝrι] ?

Theory ['θιǝrι] is an idea used to account for a situation or justify a course of action. It is a nontechnical name for *hypothesis*. Syn: hypothesis , thesis , conjecture , supposition , speculation , postulation , postulate , proposition , premise , surmise [sə'maız], assumption , presupposition; opinion , view , belief , contention. My theory would be that the place has been seriously mismanaged... I have a theory about that.

Check yourself! WHAT IS THEORY ['θιǝrι] ?

The TASK Write down at least ten synonyms of the English word 'theory'

ON A THEORY – СОГЛАСНО ТЕОРИИ

theory evolves	— теория возникает, появляется
to formulate a theory	— формулировать теорию
to develop a theory	— развивать теорию
to advance / present / propose /	— предлагать теорию
suggest a theory	
to advocate theory	 отстаивать теорию
to combine theory and practice	— объединять теорию и практику
to test a theory	— проверять теорию
to confirm a theory	— подтверждать теорию
theory holds up	— теория подтверждается
to disprove / explode / refute a	— опровергать, подрывать,
theory	разбивать теорию

Check yourself! ON A THEORY – СОГЛАСНО ТЕОРИИ

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to formulate a theory	— формулировать теорию
to develop a theory	— развивать теорию
	— предлагать теорию (4)
	– отстаивать теорию
to combine theory and practice	— объединять теорию и практику
to test a theory	— проверять теорию
to confirm a theory	— подтверждать теорию
	 теория подтверждается
	– опровергать, подрывать,
	разбивать теорию

Check yourself! ON A THEORY – СОГЛАСНО ТЕОРИИ

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	— проверять теорию
	— подтверждать теорию
	 теория подтверждается
	– опровергать, подрывать,
	разбивать теорию

in theory	
in theory	
In theory their plan makes	— Теоретически их план не
sense.	лишен смысла.

in theory	in principle
in theory	

in theory	in principle
in theory	on paper
in theory	

in theory	in principle
in theory	on paper
in theory	in the abstract
in theory	

in theory	in principle
in theory	on paper
in theory	in the abstract
in theory	all things being equal
in theory	

in theory	in principle
in theory	on paper
in theory	in the abstract
in theory	all things being equal
in theory	in an ideal world
in theory	
in theory	
in theory	

in theory	in principle
in theory	on paper
in theory	in the abstract
in theory	all things being equal
in theory	in an ideal world
in theory	hypothetically
in theory	
in theory	

in theory	in principle
in theory	on paper
in theory	in the abstract
in theory	all things being equal
in theory	in an ideal world
in theory	hypothetically
in theory	theoretically [01ə'ret1k(ə)l1]
in theory	

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in theory	on paper
in theory	in the abstract
in theory	all things being equal
in theory	in an ideal world
in theory	hypothetically
in theory	theoretically
intheory	supposedly [sə'pəuzɪdlɪ]

in theory	in principle		
in theory	on paper		
in theory	in the abstract		
in theory	all things being equal		
in theory	in an ideal world		
in theory	hypothetically		
in theory	theoretically		
in theory	supposedly		
In theory, your idea sounds great, but can it be practically			
applied?			

Got tired? Check Yourself!

Ferdinand de Saussure admitted that a linguistic sign consists of

		yes	no
a)	Expression and content		
a)	Form and substance		
a)	Denotation and reference		
a)	A Signifier and signified		
a)	Denotation and connotation		
a)	Expression and meaning		
a)	Action and interpretation		
a)	Production and reception		
a)	Form and sound		
a)	Content and form		

Got tired? Check Yourself!

Ferdinand de Saussure stated that ...

	YES	NO
a) Linguistics is part of semiotics.		
b) Linguistics is part of semiology.		
c) Semiology is part of linguistics.		
d) Linguistics and semiology overlap.		

Thanks for your attention!

Please, don't forget to get ready with your home assignment!