**Week 2**: Linguistic Anthropology

**Activity**: Communication Charades

**Discussion**: Linguistic Anthropology, Language, and Communication

1. Introduction of Lesson
   1. Ask about Spring Break
2. Review from Anthropology/Culture Lesson
   1. What is Culture?
      1. Culture is our actions and behaviors and what’s important to us in our day-to-day lives.
3. What is linguistics and linguistic anthropology?
   1. The study of language.
   2. What do linguistic anthropologists do?
      1. Study how the use of language affects culture and cultural exchange rather than the rules of languages.
4. Communication
   1. Is a way of expressing your thoughts to others in an effective way.
   2. Forms of Communication
      1. Written
      2. Verbal or Spoken
      3. Sign Language
      4. Physical Gestures And Body Language
      5. Microexpressions or Facial Expressions
   3. Purpose
      1. Interaction
      2. Cooperation
      3. Express needs or desires
      4. Connection
5. Dialects
   1. Discuss dialects of different parts of the world and within the US and Spain.
6. Communication Charades
   1. Activity
      1. Instructions are below and provided in a different document with the worksheets.
7. Review Questions
   1. What is language?
   2. What is communication?
   3. What is lingustics?
   4. What do linguistic anthropologists study?
   5. What is anthropology?
   6. What is culture?

**Independent practice**: Communication Charades

* I will make a list of words (turtles, frogs, and squirrels) and assign them a new meaning for each group or clan (If you have more than 3 groups, choose more/different words in order to keep the groups different).
* In one group, the word “turtle” means “Oh no!” In another group the word “turtle” means “What the?” In another group, the word “turtle” means “Awesome!”
* The other words “frogs” and “squirrels” will take on the same meanings in different orders for each group.
* Each group will then create a skit to act out the new meanings for each word.

**Activity Supplies:**

* Pencils
* Paper
* Sheets with assigned words and new meanings

**Review**:

* What is language?
* What is communication?
* What is lingustics?
* What do linguistic anthropologists study?
* What is anthropology?
* What is culture?

**Worksheet (if applicable):** In a separate document that will be available.

**PPT and Script**:

* Intro Slide
  + Hey guys! How was your Spring Break? Today we are going to be learning about linguistic anthropology and communication.
* Review
  + But first, we need to have a quick review of last week’s lesson. Does anyone remember what culture is? Good job, culture is our action and behaviors and what is most important to us in our day to day lives.
* What is linguistics and linguistic anthropology?
  + So has anyone heard of linguistics? Yeah? Can you tell me what it is? Ok, what do you know about linguistic anthropology? Can anyone tell me the difference between the two? The difference lies in how linguistic anthropology studies how language shapes daily life, while linguistics studies the formal rules of language.
  + Take the word cool for example, how would cool be defined in the dictionary? Having a low temperature. It’s cool outside today. Now how do people use this word on a day to day basis?
  + People use language in different ways
* What do linguistic anthropologists do?
  + Can anyone tell me what they think linguistic anthropologists do? Linguistic anthropologists study and research the informative, day to day interactions and practical uses of language. This includes how using language affects culture. Linguistic anthropologists do not study the rules of languages; however, they do try to save endangered languages.
* Language and Communication
  + Can anyone tell me what language is? The way we communicate, and it, like culture, is agreed upon. So what is communication? Communication is to convey an idea successfully. And as long as your idea was communicated successfully, that’s all that matters.
  + You can make up your own language, but if no one else knew what you were saying, would it be effective?
* Forms of Communication
  + Can anyone tell me some forms of communication? Awesome job guys! Can anyone guess what the girl in the picture is trying to communicate?
    - Written
    - Verbal or Spoken
    - Sign Language
    - Physical Gestures And Body Language
    - Microexpressions or Facial Expressions
* What is the Purpose of Communication?
  + Can anyone tell me some purposes of communication? Great job. So some more purposes can be interaction, cooperation, expression of needs or desires, and connection. Take a baby crying for example, babies have different cries for when they are hungry or sleepy or have a messy diaper, this is how babies express their needs and desires. Another example would be a group project. How do you know who does what on a group project? You’ve gotta talk to each other, ie cooperation.
* Dialects
  + So dialects area form of language specific to a region or group of people. In the US, we have many dialects including the Southern American Dialect. Our sister country, Spain, has dialects too. In Southern Spain, Spanish is spoken with more lisps than in Northern Spain.
  + With communication and language, as long as it works in our day-to-day lives, then it is good enough.
* Communication Charades
  + So we learned earlier that language is agreed upon. Words also change meaning over time and today we’re going to speed that up and have fun giving these words new meanings.What if we mix this up?
  + Today in our kingdoms, we are giving the words frog(s), turtle(s), and squirrel(s) new meanings. We are going to come up with skits to act out our words with their new meanings and the other kingdoms have to guess what words had what meaning
* Review
  + What is language?
  + What is communication?
  + What is lingustics?
  + What do linguistic anthropologists study?
  + What is anthropology?
  + What is culture?