Linking questions help explore connections between the elements of TOK (ways of knowing, areas of knowledge, learner’s perspective, knowledge issues).

Tasks:
1. Choose one of the options below, and:
2. Consider the validity of language as a way of knowing.
3. Consider the implications of language and linguistics as an area of knowledge?
4. Relate the topic to at least two other topics presented in class discussions.
5. Comment on blogs of at least three students in sections other than your own.

Choose one option:
1. How does the contact between languages reflect the contact between societies? Can language be used as evidence of asymmetric relationships between groups and societies? Can the use of language create asymmetric relationships?
2. Why do we change the way we speak according to the nature (the “who-what-where-when”) of the communication event? What problems does this create for language as a way of knowing?

Additional comments:
Write in your own voice. Present your own ideas without relying on paraphrase. You do not need to answer every question in the option you chose. Blog comments will be respectful and make a positive contribution to the discussion. Don’t fill your writing with questions that you are not attempting to answer. Blog URLs for all students will be available on the blog (or just ask your friends).

Length:
Response to Linking questions: At least 300 words
Blog comments: at least 75 words per comment.

Due:
Wed 13 March / Friday 15 March

Format:
Blog post or Word document.

If blog post, use hyperlink references to all outside sources. Use brief labels for links. See Wikipedia or my Tryangulation blog for examples.

If you use a Word document, the usual formatting rules apply.
Filename: Linguistics essay firstname lastname

Grade (LQ essay)
Analysis and synthesis: 6 points
Use of examples: 4 points
Style, format, language: 2 points
12 points

Grade (blog comments)
Relevance: 3 points
Moves the discussion forward with imagination, good analysis, new examples, connections to other ways of knowing or to other areas of knowledge: 5 points
8 points

Weight: 15% of semester grade