

Clinical Linguistics

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Abstract:

Clinical linguistics is a branch of Applied Linguistics which came into being in the decades of 70's & 80's. It is interdisciplinary study of medical and linguistic sciences. It studies the impairments of language at morphological, lexical, phonological and syntactic at pragmatic level. Some impairments of the language are developmental while some are acquired. Developmental impairments are due to mutations of some specific genes on chromosomes and acquired impairments occurred due to accidental, gunshots, tumors or lesions in those parts of brain which are related to language such as Broca's area, Wernicke's area and motor area. Aphasia, apraxia, autism and dyspraxia are some types of impairments which have been introduced in this paper. Besides this in a number of syndromes language of the children suffers on one or several sides such as Down's syndrome, Landau-Kleffner's syndrome. This paper is an attempt to introduce clinical linguistics, its historical development and some diagnostics tests. The main purpose of this paper is to make the students of Pashto language and literature familiar with this new branch of linguistics.

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