Language structure, perception and acquisition

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Word	Example
categorical perception /ˌkætɪˈgɒrɪkl pəˈsepʃn/	**Categorical perception** makes us hear /b/ or /p/, nothing between. /b/ /p/
phoneme /ˈfəʊniːm/	/k/ in “cat” is a **phoneme**. “cat” /k/
morpheme /ˈmɔːfiːm/	The prefix un is a **morpheme** that changes meaning. un
syntax /ˈsɪntæks/	The two sentences use different **syntax** to express the same idea.
semantics /səˈmæntɪks/	**Semantics** is the study of meaning.
pragmatics	**Pragmatics** explains why “Can you pass the salt?” is a request. “Can you pass the salt?”
overregularisation /ˌəʊvəˌregjʊləraɪˈzeɪʃn/	Saying “mouses” is **overregularisation**. “mouses”