

Cognitive Linguistics and Language Evolution

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Abstract. This study explores the cognitive mechanisms underpinning language evolution. By analyzing cross-cultural linguistic data, we highlight the role of cognition in shaping language structures. Our findings suggest that cognitive processes significantly influence the evolution of language, providing insights into the universal patterns of linguistic change. This research contributes to the understanding of how cognitive functions drive linguistic innovation and diversification across different cultures.

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Introduction

The evolution of language has long intrigued researchers across various disciplines. Cognitive linguistics, in particular, offers a unique perspective on how cognitive processes influence language change. This study aims to investigate the cognitive underpinnings of language evolution by examining cross-cultural linguistic data. We propose that cognitive mechanisms, such as categorization and conceptualization, play a crucial role in shaping language structures. By analyzing linguistic patterns from diverse cultures, we seek to uncover the universal cognitive processes that drive linguistic innovation and diversification. Our research contributes to the broader understanding of language evolution by emphasizing the interplay between cognition and linguistic structures, offering new insights into the cognitive dimensions of language change.

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