



Kinds of Language- by Wellek & Warren

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Kinds of Language

1. The Scientific Language
 2. Literary Language
 3. Everyday Language
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1. The Scientific Language

Features:

- Purely denotative
 - One-one correspond between sign and referent
 - It is a system of sign as Mathematics or symbolic logic
 - It's ideal is to become a universal language
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• 2 Literary Language

Features:

- Highly connotative (suggests something more than basic meaning)
- It is full of ambiguities, full of homonyms
- It is more than merely referential
- It is arbitrary or irrational categories such as grammatical gender
- It is expressive

Cont...

- It conveys the tone and attitude of the writer, speaker and also wants to influence the reader and listener
- It uses all kinds of techniques to draw the attention-metre, alliteration, patterns of sound etc.
- It is deeply structured in historical structure of language.

Cont...

- It stresses the awareness of sign.
- It has its expressive and pragmatic side

3. Everyday Language

Features:

- It is not uniform concept.
- It has wide varieties of colloquial language- language of commerce, official, religion, slang of students etc.
- It has its expressive function
- It is full of irrational and contextual changes of historical language.

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