Chapter 3

Language Defined

“Language is a collection of symbols governed by rules and used to convey messages between individuals.”

Meanings are in People

- Ogden & Richards’ Triangle of Meaning
Language is Rule Governed

- Phonological rules
- Semantic rules
- Syntactic rules
- Pragmatic rules

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- "Language is a powerful tool that shapes everything in our world, our perceptions, and, thus our reality."

Big Question of the Day!!!!

- How does language construct and/or reflect our reality?
  - Regarding yourself
  - Regarding others

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Language “Reflects” Attitudes

- Responsibility statements
  - Use “I-messages”
  - Avoid:
    - “It” statements
    - “Everybody” statements
    - “But” statements
    - Questions in place of statements
    - “I know” statements

Disruptive Language

- Fact-opinion confusion
- Fact-inference confusion

Gender & Language

- Content
- Reasons for communicating