



# SPAU 133

Introduction to linguistics

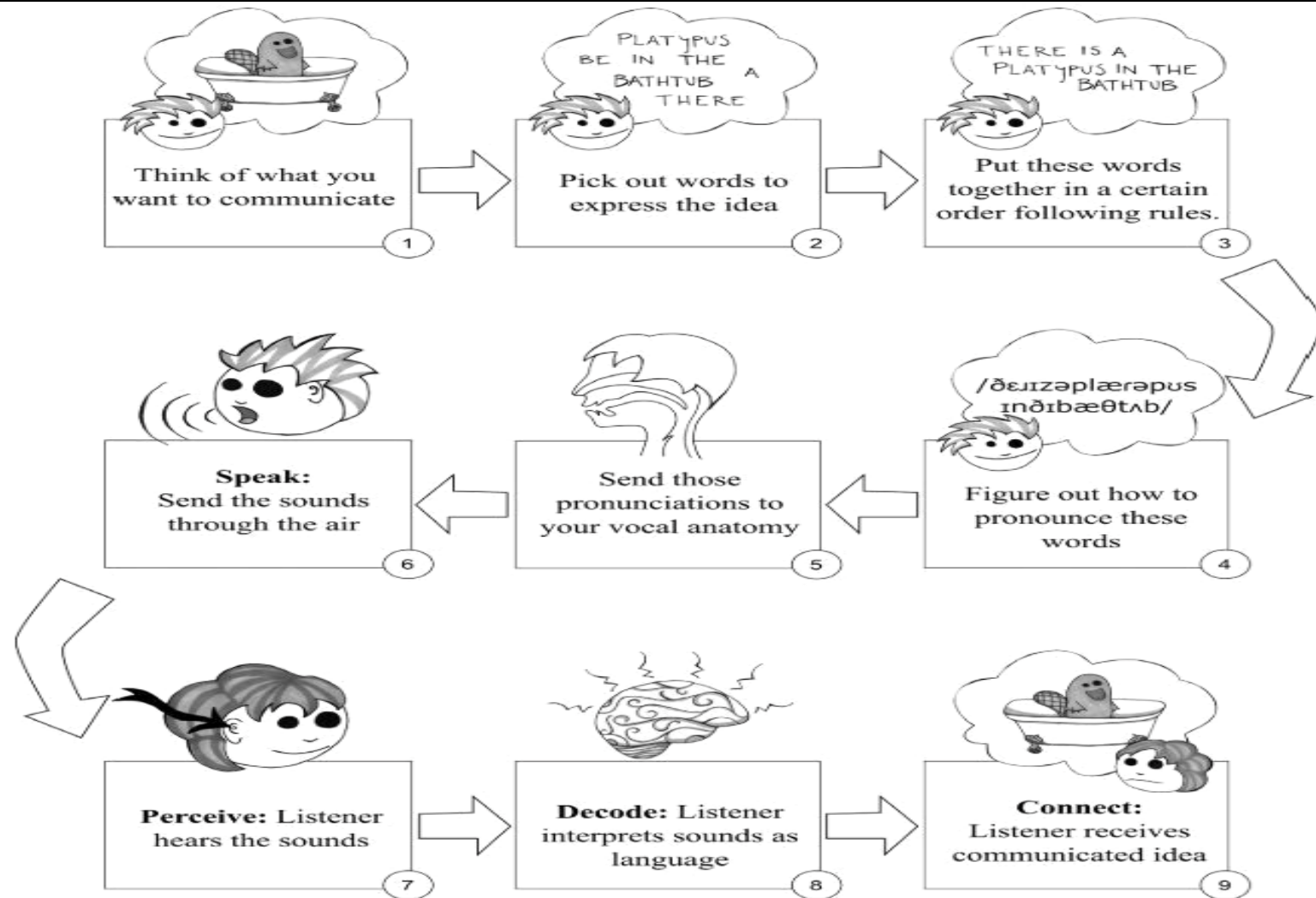
# Linguistics and languages

- **Linguistics** refers to the science of studying languages.
- **Languages** are primarily a means of communicating thoughts from one person to another.

## Linguistic competence Vs linguistic performance

- **Linguistic competence** is the knowledge or ability to speak a language.
- **Linguistic performance** is the observable realization of that ability.
- Linguists mostly try to use linguistic performance to measure linguistic competence.

# The speech communication Chain



# What do we know when we know a language?

1. Which sounds are speech sounds and which sounds aren't.
2. Which sounds are sounds of our language.
3. How to differentiate between sounds of your language.



**Phonetics**

- You also know the rules that govern these speech sounds. For example, you know which sounds work together and which sounds don't.
- Ex: S+p don't work together in Arabic.



**Phonology**

- We also know where to pause in speech.
- We can also break one word into smaller units.



**Morphology**

- we know how to combine words and phrases according to the grammatical rules of the language.



**Syntax**



- Finally, we know the meaning of the words, phrases, and sentences.



**Semantics**