

Q. What is acceptability to transformational grammar?

Acceptability is a term used for informal sentences that are acceptable among various social groups or in various contexts usage.

Q. What are the two new terms they devised?

1- Deep structure refers to the underlying abstract structure of sentences, and their interpretations.

2- Surface structure refers to the concrete sentences produced by the phrase structure rules and phonological.


Q. What is competence and performance?

Competence is the native speakers' mental knowledge of their own language.

Performance is the actual use of language. De Saussure uses the term *langue* to mean competence, and *parole*= performance.

Q. What are the factors that affect performance?

Several: memory limitations, physical surroundings, emotions, distractions, shyness, or other factors like maybe chewing food or gum.

Q. What is the theme of universality? 

Studying deep structures, transformationalists noticed that languages which are different on the surface often show many similar features in their deep structures. Therefore, some linguists, at that time, began studying the possibility that there is a universal deep structure underlying all languages.

Q. What are the similarities in traditional and transformational grammar?

Both used the word 'rule' to describe the same thing. Both used similar terms but with slightly different ideas, such as the term 'verb phrase'. (page 14)

Traditionalists used the term 'verb phrase' to refer to the verb slot only, without including the noun phrases that follow the verb.

Ex: *He must have found the note*

Transformationalists used 'verb phrase' includes the noun phrase that follows the verb. *He must have found the note*