

## Module : Terminology

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### Lecture 5: Language

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Language gives us the ability to communicate thoughts, ideas, and feelings with others as quickly as possible. But, within that, we can understand language more by looking at its basic functions:

1 Informative Function: The informative function of language is when we use language to communicate any information. Essentially, its function is to inform others by being able to state facts clearly.

Expressive Function: As it sounds, it is used to express oneself by giving us ways to convey our feelings, emotions, and attitudes to another person (or ourselves).

Directive Function: The directive function of language is a basic function that helps us to direct or command. For example, it gives us the ability to tell ourselves or someone else what to do in any given situation.

### Questions

**1-Give a title to the previous text:**

**2- Using the dictionary, explain the difficult words as follows:**

Gesture, writing, estimate, dialect, clearly, Expressive, situation.

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**3-Extract five adverbs from the text**

**4-Present the general ideas of the text.**

**5-Translate the following sentences:**

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