THE ONTOGENESIS OF SPEECH ACTIVITY

Topic 1. The ontogenesis of speech as a subject of scientific research

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Definitions

**Developmental linguistics** is a branch of linguistics that studies the ontogenesis of speech and child speech.

**Language** - a system of **signs** that serves as a means of implementing human communication, thinking.
Definitions

- **Speech** - a form of *communication* mediated by the language that has historically developed during the process of material transforming activity of people.

- **Speech activity** - a specific type of *activity* that is not directly correlated with "classical" types of activity, for example, with labour or play.

- **Ontogenesis** - a set of successive transformations of an organism from its origin to the end of life (a broad meaning).
Definitions

Speech development (or the ontogenesis of speech, see also Language development (English) is a widely used complex denomination of the processes, stages and methods associated with acquisition (both by a child and, broadly speaking, by a person throughout the life) of means of both oral and written speech (language), which in turn characterizes the development of communication skills, verbal thinking and creative writing.
One needs to know the ontogenesis of speech to:

1) distinguish speech norm from speech disorder

2) the process of speech acquisition, if there is a disorder, develops regarding the laws of its development in normal conditions
Theory of language acquisition:

- imitation theory
- theory of congenital linguistic knowledge
- social and biological theory
Periodization of speech development (A.A. Leontiev)

- the first period – preparatory period (from birth to the age of one year)
- the second period – pre-kindergarten period (from one year to three years old)
- the third period – pre-school period (from three to seven years old)
- the fourth period – school period (from seven to seventeen years old)