

## Think Like a Linguist

*Linguists* study the sounds, words, phrases, and sentences that

linguists work in colleges or universities, where they teach classes and work on research projects.

Linguists research can cover a variety of subjects and can require travel, too. Linguists who study the language of ancient Egypt study writings found inside the pyramids. Those who study the languages of small, isolated groups of people often have to travel to the places where these people live.

## Education and Training

Linguists must be patient, curious, and exact, and have good reading, writing, and research skills. If you are interested in becoming a linguist, begin now to learn one or more foreign languages. You should concentrate on your classes in history, psychology, sociology, and other social sciences.

Employers of linguists usually require at least a bachelor's degree in linguistics, English, or a foreign language. Your course work may include: language and culture, the structure of English, linguistics and reading, bilingualism, and computer applications in linguistics. You need a doctoral degree to teach at a university. University professors usually are involved in research projects in addition to teaching.