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**Lesson Five**

**Chapter Ten : Pragmatics**

**Pragmatics is the study of speakers' meaning . It refers to the study of '' invisible meaning '' and how we recognize what is meant even when it is not actually said or written .**

**Linguistic context ( co-text ) : of a word refers to the set of other words used in the same phrase or sentence . The surrounding co-text has a strong effect on what we think the word probably means .**

**Physical context : refers to the situation , time , or place in which words are used .**

**Deixis ( deictic expressions ) : using words such as '' this , here , we .. etc. ) as a way of ''pointing'' with language . They are classified into :**

**Person deixis : ( him , them , we … etc . )**

**Spatial deixis : ( here , there , near that …etc. )**

**Temporal deixis : ( now , then , last week …etc. )**

**Reference : is an act by which a speaker (or writer ) uses language to enable a listener ( or reader ) to identify something .**

**Inference : is additional information used by the listener to create a connection between what is said and what must be meant .**