

**Theme 3: Language Variations**

## **Review and Discussion after Theme 3**

1. Define the term *language* (as opposed to dialect).
2. Could you explain the notion of standardization ( steps and importance)
3. What is a dialect continuum? Describe it and give an example and explain it.
4. How would you define a “speech community”?
5. What is the difference between an accent and a dialect?
6. What is one disadvantage of using NORMS in dialect surveys?
7. What does an isogloss represent in a linguistic atlas?
8. Why did Labov try to elicit answers with the expression fourth floor?