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**The Sociolinguistics of Power**

We all know that the use of particular words and ways of speaking denotes status relations between individuals and shapes the way we react to statements. My senior Honors presentation will explore some of the major ways in which language is used to gain or denote power in everyday interactions and will go on to explain how those interactions affect gender relations, political issues, stereotypes and identity in today's society. It will also give a background on research that has been done on the relationship between language and thought, in order to demonstrate the crucial impact the way we speak has on the way our brains learn to think and conceptualize.