

# THE CONNECTION OF LEXICOLOGY WITH OTHER BRANCHES OF LINGUISTICS

- ▶ The importance of the connection between **lexicology** and **phonetics** stands explained if we remember that a word is an association of a given group of sounds with a given meaning, so that *top* is one word, and *tip* is another. Phonemes have no meaning of their own but they serve to distinguish between meanings. Their function is building up morphemes, and it is on the level of morphemes that the form–meaning unity is introduced into language. We may say therefore that **phonemes participate in signification.**