

Dell Hymes is a sociolinguist that introduces four parameters for communicative competence.

1) Possibility. Knowledge of possibility helps deciding whether an instance conforms to language rules or not.

2) Feasibility. Helps processing language instances, i.e. a communicator can process a sentence like: "the police chase a criminal" to other instance Like: "the police chase an American criminal" or saying "he chases the criminal who scare the people"

. 3) Appropriateness. Clears the relation of a language to a context. For example, when complaining to a police you cannot address him as "darling".

4) Attestedness. It is the fourth component of Hymes communicative competence; the actual occurrence of something.

All these parameters emerges as rebutting for Noame Chomsky's linguistic competence, because Dell states that linguistic competence only is not capable of producing effective communication but there is a need for social context.