

# Jargon

**Jargon** refers to specialized language used by a particular profession or group, often unintelligible or exclusionary to outsiders. In medicine and science, jargon can clarify **within** the field but obscure **to** the public or other disciplines.

## □ Key Aspects

- Technical terms specific to a domain
- Can enhance precision among experts
- Often creates barriers to understanding

## □ In Context (Academic & Medical Fields)

- Using “subfalcine herniation” instead of “brain shift” in general discussions
- Papers filled with acronyms, eponyms, and obscure references
- Communication breakdowns between clinicians and patients

## ⚠ Why It Matters

- Jargon can alienate, confuse, or mislead
- Transparency requires translating complexity
- Clarity is not simplification — it’s responsibility

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