Reading for Linguistics

To help you learn what linguistics is and whether you are interested in studying it as a part of a degree:

- Parkvall, M. (2008). Limits of Language: Almost everything you didn’t know about language and languages

An Introductory textbook at the level you would study in the first year Introduction to Linguistics course:


*Note that earlier editions of many of these books can be found at a lower cost, but may be somewhat out of date*

The Language Log (http://languagelog.ldc.upenn.edu/nll/) is a blog written by world renowned academic linguists but with a general readership in mind, and an emphasis on humour, debunking language myths and erroneous beliefs, topical issues relating to language, etc.

You may also like to have a look at the website of the Linguistics Olympiad: http://www.uklo.org.