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**Language and Linguistics -**  
Robert Lawrence Trask 2007  
"The new edition of this A-Z  
guide explores the main concepts  
and terms used in the study of  
language and linguistics.

Containing over 300 entries,  
thoroughly updated to reflect the  
latest developments in the field,  
this book includes entire in:  
cognitive linguistics; discourse  
analysis; phonology and

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phonetics; psycholinguistics; sociolinguistics; and syntax and semantics." "Beginning with brief definition, each entry is followed by a comprehensive explanation of the origin and usage of the term. The book is cross-referenced throughout and includes further reading for academics and students alike."--  
BOOK JACKET.

**A Course in Semantics** - Daniel Altshuler 2019-09-03

An introductory text in linguistic semantics, uniquely balancing empirical coverage and formalism with development of intuition and methodology. This introductory textbook in linguistic semantics for undergraduates features a unique balance between empirical coverage and formalism on the one hand and development of intuition and methodology on the other. It will equip students to form intuitions about a set of data, explain how well an analysis of the data accords with their

intuitions, and extend the analysis or seek an alternative.

No prior knowledge of linguistics is required. After mastering the material, students will be able to tackle some of the most difficult questions in the field even if they have never taken a linguistics course before. After introducing such concepts as truth conditions and compositionality, the book presents a basic symbolic logic with negation, conjunction, and generalized quantifiers, to serve as the basis for translation throughout the book. It then develops a detailed compositional semantics, covering quantification (scope and binding), adverbial modification, relative clauses, event semantics, tense and aspect, as well as pragmatic phenomena, notably deictic pronouns and narrative progression. A Course in Semantics offers a large and diverse set of exercises, interspersed throughout the text; those labeled "Important practice

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and looking ahead” prepare students for material to come; those labeled “Thinking about ” invite students to think beyond the content of the book.

**Linguistics** - Adrian Akmajian  
2001

Linguistics: an introduction to language and communication.

**An Introduction to Language and Linguistics** - Ralph Fasold  
2006-03-06

This accessible textbook is the only introduction to linguistics in which each chapter is written by an expert who teaches courses on that topic, ensuring balanced and uniformly excellent coverage of the full range of modern linguistics. Assuming no prior knowledge the text offers a clear introduction to the traditional topics of structural linguistics (theories of sound, form, meaning, and language change), and in addition provides full coverage of contextual linguistics, including separate chapters on discourse, dialect variation,

language and culture, and the politics of language. There are also up-to-date separate chapters on language and the brain, computational linguistics, writing, child language acquisition, and second-language learning. The breadth of the textbook makes it ideal for introductory courses on language and linguistics offered by departments of English, sociology, anthropology, and communications, as well as by linguistics departments.

Linguistics For Dummies - Rose-Marie Dechaine 2012-02-08

The fascinating, fun, and friendly way to understand the science behind human language  
Linguistics is the scientific study of human language. Linguistics students study how languages are constructed, how they function, how they affect society, and how humans learn language. From understanding other languages to teaching computers to communicate, linguistics plays a

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vital role in society. Linguistics For Dummies tracks to a typical college-level introductory linguistics course and arms you with the confidence, knowledge, and know-how to score your highest. Understand the science behind human language Grasp how language is constructed Score your highest in college-level linguistics If you're enrolled in an introductory linguistics course or simply have a love of human language, Linguistics For Dummies is your one-stop resource for unlocking the science of the spoken word.

**Locality** - Enoch Oladé Aboh  
2014

Locality offers a range of new perspectives on an important aspect of syntactic movement. The papers collected here explore locality in two ways: the first section approaches locality in terms of pure syntax; the second approaches it in terms of psycholinguistics.

The Linguistics Wars - Randy

Allen Harris 1995-03-09

When it was first published in 1957, Noam Chomsky's Syntactic Structure seemed to be just a logical expansion of the reigning approach to linguistics. Soon, however, there was talk from Chomsky and his associates about plumbing mental structure; then there was a new phonology; and then there was a new set of goals for the field, cutting it off completely from its anthropological roots and hitching it to a new brand of psychology. Rapidly, all of Chomsky's ideas swept the field. While the entrenched linguists were not looking for a messiah, apparently many of their students were. There was a revolution, which colored the field of linguistics for the following decades. Chomsky's assault on Bloomfieldianism (also known as American Structuralism) and his development of Transformational-Generative Grammar was promptly

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endorsed by new linguistic recruits swelling the discipline in the sixties. Everyone was talking of a scientific revolution in linguistics, and major breakthroughs seemed imminent, but something unexpected happened--Chomsky and his followers had a vehement and public falling out. In *The Linguistic Wars*, Randy Allen Harris tells how Chomsky began reevaluating the field and rejecting the extensions his students and erstwhile followers were making. Those he rejected (the Generative Semanticists) reacted bitterly, while new students began to pursue Chomsky's updated vision of language. The result was several years of infighting against the backdrop of the notoriously prickly sixties. The outcome of the dispute, Harris shows, was not simply a matter of a good theory beating out a bad one. The debates followed the usual trajectory of most large-scale

clashes, scientific or otherwise. Both positions changed dramatically in the course of the dispute--the triumphant Chomskyan position was very different from the initial one; the defeated generative semantics position was even more transformed. Interestingly, important features of generative semantics have since made their way into other linguistic approaches and continue to influence linguistics to this very day. And fairly high up on the list of borrowers is Noam Chomsky himself. The repercussions of the Linguistics Wars are still with us, not only in the bruised feelings and late-night war stories of the combatants, and in the contentious mood in many quarters, but in the way linguists currently look at language and the mind. Full of anecdotes and colorful portraits of key personalities, *The Linguistics Wars* is a riveting narrative of

the course of an important intellectual controversy, and a revealing look into how scientists and scholars contend for theoretical glory.

**Encyclopedia of Linguistics -**

Philipp Strazny 2013-02-01

Utilizing a historical and international approach, this valuable two-volume resource makes even the more complex linguistic issues understandable for the non-specialized reader. Containing over 500 alphabetically arranged entries and an expansive glossary by a team of international scholars, the Encyclopedia of Linguistics explores the varied perspectives, figures, and methodologies that make up the field.

**Contrasting English and German**

**Grammar** - Sigrid Beck

2014-06-23

This book offers an introduction to the derivation of meaning that is accessible and worked out to facilitate an understanding of key issues in compositional semantics.

The syntactic background offered is generative, the major semantic tool used is set theory. These tools are applied step-by-step to develop essential interface topics and a selection of prominent contrastive topics with material from English and German.

Lexical Creativity, Texts and

Contexts - Judith Munat

2007-11-06

The coining of novel lexical items and the creative manipulation of existing words and expressions is heavily dependent on contextual factors, including the semantic, stylistic, textual and social environments in which they occur. The twelve specialists contributing to this collection aim to illuminate creativity in word formation with respect to functional discourse roles, but also examine 'critical creativity' determined by language policy, as well as diachronic phonetic variation in creatively-coined words. The data, based either on large corpora

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cartoons, lexical ontologies and style guides. Each study analyses novel formations in relation to their contexts of use and inevitably leads to the crucial question of creativity vs. productivity. By focussing on creative lexical formations at the level of parole, these studies provide insights into morphological theory at the level of langue, and ultimately seek to explain lexical creativity as a function of language use.

Linguistics - Adrian Akmajian  
1988

*Introducing English Linguistics* -  
Charles F. Meyer 2009-05-14

Are you looking for a genuine introduction to the linguistics of English that provides a broad overview of the subject that sustains students' interest and avoids excessive detail?

*Introducing English Linguistics* accomplishes this goal in two ways. First, it takes a top-down approach to language, beginning

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with the largest unit of linguistic structure, the text, and working its way down through successively smaller structures (sentences, words, and finally speech sounds). The advantage of presenting language this way is that students are first given the larger picture - they study language in context - and then see how the smaller pieces of language are a consequence of the larger goals of linguistic communication. Second, the book does not contain invented examples, as is the case with most comparable texts, but instead takes its sample materials from the major computerised databases of spoken and written English, giving students a more realistic view of language.

*An Introduction to Linguistics and Language Studies* - Anne McCabe 2017

This introductory textbook provides readers with a foundation in methods for analysing and understanding

language from various theoretical perspectives within linguistics and language studies. Its novel approach introduces systemic functional linguistics, text and discourse analysis, and formal approaches to linguistics. It demonstrates applications of these approaches to reveal how we use language in society, how our brains process language, and how we learn language. Topics include phonetics, phonology, conversation analysis, morphology, semantics, functional and formal syntax, text linguistics, genre analysis, evaluative lexis in text, multimodal representations of meaning, language change and variation, animals and language, the brain and language, and first and second language development/acquisition. The main language focused on is English, while other languages are also drawn on to illustrate the principles, models and theories.

Learning outcomes, exercises

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(with answer key), ideas for project work, and questions for reflection are provided throughout. A final chapter gathers explanations of various fields of practice within linguistics, written by linguists from around the world, including David Crystal (Clinical Linguistics), Frances Christie (Educational Linguistics), and Malcolm Coulthard (Forensic Linguistics). *An Introduction to Linguistics and Language Studies* offers an array of analytical tools for undergraduate students of language, communication, and education, and provides an overview of the field for those interested in further study in linguistics and applied language studies. Readers will come away with a heightened sensitivity to and appreciation of their own and other's use of language for creating meaning and for interaction.

**Introduction to English Semantics and Pragmatics** - Patrick Griffiths

2006-05-29

An introduction to the linguistic study of meaning, this book outlines the meaning potential (semantics) of English and how language knowledge is put to use (pragmatics). As well as gaining a systematic overview of meaning in English, readers can learn how to argue for analyses. Among the significant concepts introduced are denotation, sense relations, event types, explicature, implicature, presupposition, metaphor, reference, speech acts and (at an elementary level) Generalised Quantifier Theory. Sense relations--such as antonymy and hyponymy--are presented as summarising patterns of entailment. The sense of a word is seen as the contributions it makes to the entailments carried by sentences.

**Unbounded Dependency**

**Constructions** - Rui P. Chaves  
2020

This book is about one of the most intriguing features of human

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communication systems: the fact that words that go together in meaning can occur arbitrarily far away from each other. In the sentence This is technology that most people think about, but rarely consider the implications of, the word "technology" is interpreted as if it were simultaneously next to the words "about" and "of". This kind of long-distance dependency has been the subject of intense linguistic and "It fully supports the course and I would highly recommend it."--Karen Shury, University of West London DNU Family Law takes a practical approach to family law and procedure, supporting students with a range of learning features such as self-test questions, chapter summaries, and diagrams. Case studies and examples are included throughout to show the practical applications of the law and are accompanied by worked sample documents. Covers all

family law topics taught on the LPC, including both adult and child law, making it suitable for a wide range of modules. Also suitable for legal apprentices or students enrolled on other vocational courses. Provides focused, clearly written chapters which include summaries and self-test questions to help reinforce

**The Atoms Of Language** - Mark C Baker 2008-08-05

Whether all human languages are fundamentally the same or different has been a subject of debate for ages. This problem has deep philosophical implications: If languages are all the same, it implies a fundamental commonality-and thus the mutual intelligibility-of human thought. We are now on the verge of answering this question. Using a twenty-year-old theory proposed by the world's greatest living linguist, Noam Chomsky, researchers have found that the similarities among languages are

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more profound than the differences. Languages whose grammars seem completely incompatible may in fact be structurally almost identical, except for a difference in one simple rule. The discovery of these rules and how they may vary promises to yield a linguistic equivalent of the Periodic Table of the Elements: a single framework by which we can understand the fundamental structure of all human language. This is a landmark breakthrough, both within linguistics, which will thereby become a full-fledged science for the first time, and in our understanding of the human mind.

### **Understanding Morphology -**

Martin Haspelmath 2013-10-28

This new edition of Understanding Morphology has been fully revised in line with the latest research. It now includes 'big picture' questions to highlight central themes in morphology, as well as research

exercises for each chapter.

Understanding Morphology presents an introduction to the study of word structure that starts at the very beginning. Assuming no knowledge of the field of morphology on the part of the reader, the book presents a broad range of morphological phenomena from a wide variety of languages. Starting with the core areas of inflection and derivation, the book presents the interfaces between morphology and syntax and between morphology and phonology. The synchronic study of word structure is covered, as are the phenomena of diachronic change, such as analogy and grammaticalization. Theories are presented clearly in accessible language with the main purpose of shedding light on the data, rather than as a goal in themselves. The authors consistently draw on the best research available, thus utilizing and discussing both functionalist

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and generative theoretical approaches. Each chapter includes a summary, suggestions for further reading, and exercises. As such this is the ideal book for both beginning students of linguistics, or anyone in a related discipline looking for a first introduction to morphology.

**Generative Phonology** - Michael Kenstowicz 2014-05-10

Generative Phonology: Description and Theory provides a basic understanding of the fundamental concepts of generative phonology and the applications of these concepts in further study of phonological structure. This book is composed of 10 chapters and begins with a survey of phonology in the overall model of generative grammar and introduces the principles of phonetics to. The subsequent chapters introduce the fundamental concept of a phonological rule that relates an underlying representation to a phonetic representation and this

concept is applied to the analysis of morphophonemic alternation. These topics are followed by a presentation of phonological sketches of four diverse languages in terms of rules relating underlying and phonetic representations, as well as the major corpus-internal principles and techniques of phonological analysis. The discussion then shifts to the theoretical aspects of phonology, the various degrees of abstractness, and the proposals to limit the divergence between underlying and phonetic representation. Other chapters deal with some of the issues revolving around the representation of sounds and the various hypotheses as to how phonological rules apply to convert the underlying representation to the phonetic representation, particularly the kinds of considerations that motivate rule-ordering statements. The last chapters explore the major notational

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devices commonly employed in the formulation of phonological rules and the role of syntactic and lexical information in controlling the application of phonological rules. This book is intended primarily for linguistics and phonologists.

The Category AUX in Universal Grammar - Adrian Akmajian  
1979

*Why Language?* - Jacques Moeschler  
2021-08-23

There is, at present, no book introducing the general issue of why language is specific to human beings, how it works, why language is not communication and communication is not language, why languages vary and how they evolved. Based on the most recent works in linguistics and pragmatics, *Why Language?* addresses many questions that everyone has about language. Starting from false claims about language and languages, showing

that language is not communication and communication is not language, the first part (Language and Communication) ends by proposing a difference between linguistic rules and communicative principles. The second part (Language, Society, Discourse) includes domains of language and language uses which are generally taken as extrinsic to language, such as language variety, discourse and non-ordinary (literary) usages. Special attention is given to figures of discourse (metaphor, metonymy, irony) and literary usages such as narration and free indirect style. The reader, either specialist or amateur in language science, will find a first and unique synthesis about what we know today about language and what we have yet to learn, sketching what could be the future of linguistics in the next decades.

The Philosophy of Linguistics -  
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Jerrold J. Katz 1985

In light of the sharp linguistic turn philosophy has taken in this century, this collection provides a much-needed and long-overdue reference for philosophical discussion. The first collection of its kind, it explores questions of the nature and existence of linguistic objects--including sentences and meanings--and considers the concept of truth in linguistics. The status of linguistics and the nature of language now take a central place in discussions of the nature of philosophy; the essays in this volume both inform these discussions and lay the groundwork for further examination.

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Lectures on Government and Binding - Noam Chomsky 1981  
Tekst, gebaseerd op lezingen, in 1979 tijdens de GLOW conferentie te Pisa gehouden

*English Syntax* - Jong-Bok Kim 2008

"Focusing on the descriptive facts of English, this volume provides a systematic introduction to English syntax for students with no prior knowledge of English grammar or syntactic analysis. *English Syntax* aims to help students appreciate the various sentence patterns available in the language, understand insights into core data of its syntax, develop analytic abilities to further explore the patterns of English, and learn precise ways of formalizing syntactic analysis for a variety of English data and major constructions such as agreement, raising and control, the auxiliary system, passive, wh- questions, relative clauses, extrapolation, and clefts"--  
Publisher's description.

*The Cambridge Handbook of Morphology* - Andrew Hippisley 2016-11-24

The Cambridge Handbook of Morphology describes the

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diversity of morphological phenomena in the world's languages, surveying the methodologies by which these phenomena are investigated and the theoretical interpretations that have been proposed to explain them. The Handbook provides morphologists with a comprehensive account of the interlocking issues and hypotheses that drive research in morphology; for linguists generally, it presents current thought on the interface of morphology with other grammatical components and on the significance of morphology for understanding language change and the psychology of language; for students of linguistics, it is a guide to the present-day landscape of morphological science and to the advances that have brought it to its current state; and for readers in other fields (psychology, philosophy, computer science, and others), it reveals just how

much we know about systematic relations of form to content in a language's words - and how much we have yet to learn.

**English Linguistics** - Bernd Kortmann 2020-10-28

This is the completely revised, updated and enlarged 2nd edition of a classic textbook used in many English and linguistics departments in Germany for more than 20 years. It serves both as an introduction for beginners and as a companion for more advanced undergraduate and graduate students, familiarizing its readers with the major and distinctive properties of English (Standard English as well major national, regional and social varieties), including an in-depth structural comparison with German. Written in an accessible style and with many reader-friendly features (including checklists with key terms and concepts, basic and advanced exercises with solutions), the book offers a state-of-the-art-

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survey of the core terminology and issues of the central branches of linguistics, including an account of the major current research traditions and methodologies.

**An Introduction to Language 10e**

- Victoria Fromkin 2021-08-19

An Introduction to Language introduces students to the fascinating study of human language. Engagingly and clearly written, it provides an overview of the key areas of linguistics from an Australian perspective.

Unique to this text, the International Phonetic Alphabet is represented by both HCE and MD versions, allowing lecturers to use whichever IPA system they prefer. Premium online teaching and learning tools are available on the MindTap platform. Learn more about the online tools

[au.cengage.com/mindtap](http://au.cengage.com/mindtap)

**Basque and Romance** - Ane

Berro 2019-05-07

Aligning Grammars: Basque and

Romance offers a theoretically-informed in-depth description of several linguistic structures of Basque and surrounding Romance languages. Its goal is to shed some light on the linguistic systems of these languages and their interactions.

*Linguistics* - Adrian Akmajian  
1987

**Minds, Brains, Computers** -

Robert M. Harnish 2001-10-08

Minds, Brains, Computers serves as both an historical and interdisciplinary introduction to the foundations of cognitive science.

**The Cambridge Companion to**

**Chomsky** - James McGilvray

2005-02-24

Publisher Description

**The Structure of Modern English**

- Laurel J. Brinton 2000-01-01

This text is designed for undergraduate and graduate students interested in contemporary English, especially those whose primary area of

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interest is English as a second language. Focus is placed exclusively on English data, providing an empirical explication of the structure of the language.

**A Linguistics Workbook** - Ann

K. Farmer 2010-07-09

A companion to the popular introductory text in linguistics. A Linguistics Workbook is a supplement to Linguistics: An Introduction, sixth edition. It can also be used with other introductory and intermediate linguistics texts. Whereas most of the examples in the textbook are based on English, the workbook provides exercises in morphology, phonetics, phonology, syntax, and semantics, drawn from a wide variety of languages. This new edition has been updated, with exercises added.

**Grammatical Relations** - Franz

Müller-Gotama 1994-01-01

The series is a platform for contributions of all kinds to this

rapidly developing field. General problems are studied from the perspective of individual languages, language families, language groups, or language samples. Conclusions are the result of a deepened study of empirical data. Special emphasis is given to little-known languages, whose analysis may shed new light on long-standing problems in general linguistics.

**The Science of Language** - Noam

Chomsky 2012-03-15

Noam Chomsky is one of the most influential thinkers of our time, yet his views are often misunderstood. In this previously unpublished series of interviews, Chomsky discusses his iconoclastic and important ideas concerning language, human nature and politics. In dialogue with James McGilvray, Professor of Philosophy at McGill University, Chomsky takes up a wide variety of topics – the nature of language, the philosophies of language and mind, morality and universality,

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science and common sense, and the evolution of language.

McGilvray's extensive commentary helps make this incisive set of interviews accessible to a variety of readers.

The volume is essential reading for those involved in the study of language and mind, as well as anyone with an interest in Chomsky's ideas.

**What is Meaning** - Paul H.

Portner 2005-02-04

What is Meaning? Fundamentals of Formal Semantics is a concise introduction to the field of semantics as it is actually practiced. Through simple examples, pictures, and metaphors, Paul Portner presents the field's key ideas about how language works. Explains the fundamental ideas and some of the most significant results of modern semantic theory. Combines foundational discussion with simplified analyses of complex phenomena to provide readers with a sense of the

fascination to be found in the details of the human language. Includes exercises and thought-provoking questions to facilitate learning.

**Spoken Communication** -

Massimo Pettorino 2010

Offers a description of the research that may stimulate genuine attention on Spoken communication. This title presents insights on theoretical aspects, specific case studies and the issues of speech representation as well.

**Getting Through** - Roger Kreuz

2018-08-28

Understanding how culture affects the ways we communicate—how we tell jokes, greet, ask questions, hedge, apologize, compliment, and so much more. We can learn to speak other languages, but do we truly understand what we are saying? How much detail should we offer when someone asks how we are? How close should we stand to our conversational

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partners? Is an invitation genuine or just pro forma? So much of communication depends on culture and context. In *Getting Through*, Roger Kreuz and Richard Roberts offer a guide to understanding and being understood in different cultures. Drawing on research from psychology, linguistics, sociology, and other fields, as well as personal experience, anecdotes, and popular culture, Kreuz and Roberts describe cross-cultural communication in terms of pragmatics—exploring how language is used and not just what words mean. Sometimes this is easy to figure out. If someone hisses “I’m fine!” though clenched teeth, we can assume that she’s not really fine. But sometimes the context, cultural or otherwise, is more nuanced. For example, a visitor from another country might be taken aback when an American offers a complaint (“Cold out today!”) as a greeting. And should you

apologize the same way in Tokyo as you would in Toledo? Kreuz and Roberts help us navigate such subtleties. It’s a fascinating way to think about human interaction, but it’s not purely academic: The more we understand one another, the better we can communicate, and the better we can communicate, the more we can avoid conflict.

### **An Introduction to the Principles of Transformational Syntax -**

Adrian Akmajian 1975

The central goal of this text is to introduce the reader to the methods of argumentation used in the construction of syntactic theory: the ways in which hypotheses are supported or shown to be inadequate. It is not so much about syntactic theory as an attempt to involve the reader in constructing syntactic theory--even at the beginning. The text deals with a selected number of the clearer issues that arise in analyzing a limited set of English constructions, and it is restricted

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to a "classical" framework. The authors believe that in this way students will gain a thorough grounding in the methods of syntactic argumentation, will be well equipped to explore other areas on their own, and to

appreciate the significance of the many theoretical innovations that have been proposed to make up for the inadequacies in the classical approach.

- 1979

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