

Section 2 - Connect with your University



Reading List – English Language

Crystal, D (2010) The Cambridge Encyclopaedia of Language, 3rd Edition. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press

This is a very general, but very comprehensive overview of contemporary linguistics. It is useful as a reference book to look up unfamiliar concepts or areas of study, as well as a guide to further reading. It is richly illustrated and written in a very accessible and engaging style by one of the UK's most famous linguists. Highly recommended.

Harley, Trevor A. (2010). Talking the Talk: Language, Psychology and Science. Hove & New York: Psychology Press.

This provides a lively and accessible overview of some of the key topics in linguistics, covering the uniqueness of human language; its structure, acquisition, geographical and social variation, patterns of everyday usage, and its place in contemporary social debates.

Yule, G. (2010) The Study of Language, 4th Edition. London: Routledge

Now in its fourth edition, this popular introductory text offers a very accessible overview of key topics in linguistics. It covers the origins of language and the distinctiveness of human versus animal communication. It provides a very digestible yet detailed introduction to the sounds of language – how they are produced and how they form meaning. It provides a similar overview of key aspects of grammar and word meaning, as well as the way speakers make use of context to create and interpret meaning. The book also provides a solid introduction to sociolinguistics (the study of language variation and change).

Other recommended texts

Culpeper, Jonathan. (2005). **History of English**, 2nd edition. Routledge.

Eppler, E.D and Ozón, G. (2013). **English Words and Sentences: An introduction**. Cambridge Introductions to the English Language. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press

Meyerhoff, Miriam. (2018). **Introducing Sociolinguistics** (3rd edition). London: Routledge.

Ogden, Richard (2017) **An introduction to English phonetics**. 2nd edition. Edinburgh University Press.

Sportiche, D., Koopman, H. and E. Stabler (2014) **An introduction to syntactic analysis and theory**. Wiley Blackwell.