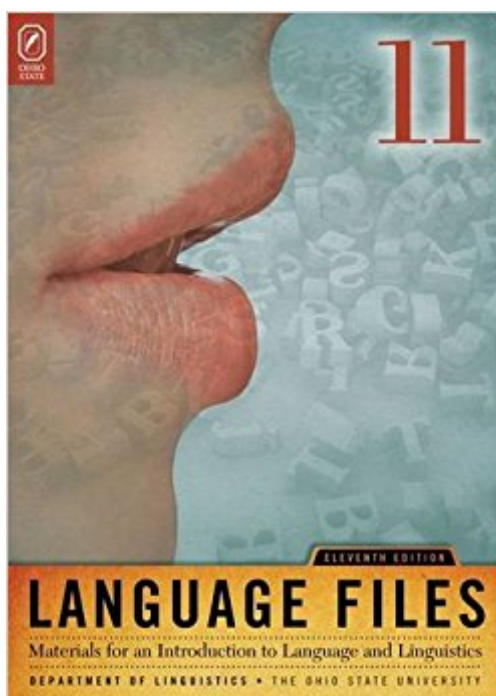


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Synopsis

Since its inception, Language Files has become one of the most widely adopted, consulted, and authoritative introductory textbooks to linguistics ever written. The scope of the text makes it suitable for use in a wide range of courses, while its unique organization into student-friendly, self-contained sections allows for tremendous flexibility in course design. The eleventh edition has been revised, clarified, and updated in many places. This edition includes an all-new syntax chapter, new files on language and culture and on writing systems, restructured semantics files, and many new examples, exercises, and activities. Additional readings have been added to all chapters, and the number of cross-references among chapters has been increased. In addition, the accompanying Language Files webpage has links to online resources and websites related to language and linguistics that instructors and students may find interesting.

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The Department of Linguistics at The Ohio State University, founded in 1963, is world renowned for its programs in theoretical and experimental linguistics.

As a student, I learned from version 9 of this book. As a first-time linguistics teacher, I used the most current edition, which at this time is 11. They've kept a lot of the fundamentals the same, reorganized some things, and of course updated the content with more contemporary concepts (the most obvious being the section on language and computers). For the first-time teacher, this book is perfect since you can pick and choose from the well-organized sections you want to address in your

class. The accompanying exercises are great practice, both for in-class demonstration, and to assign as homework.

I teach linguistics and, therefore, have reviewed many linguistics textbooks. This one is by far the most comprehensive and student-friendly. The complexities of phonetics, morphology, syntax, etc. are relayed in accessible language with clear examples. The layout is well organized with multiple ways of finding the information that one might need (for example, look a word up in the glossary and get the "file" number for a more thorough explanation; need to quickly reference a phonetic symbol -- merely flip open the back of the book). Highly recommended for introduction to linguistics.

This is a rental, so I have to return it, I can honestly say though, if I had the money, this is a book I would LOVE to have in my collection. This book was assigned for a class I have called "Language Foundations," a linguistic class. I may be biased about the book because I have a truly amazing professor who teaches out it, but I really think that's a testament to why she chose this particular book to teach from. It explains language and the elements of it in such a thorough way and I can see this book helping people who want to learn another language besides English, those who struggle with bridging the gap between understanding English rules and speaking it, as well as those wanting to learn English. This is a top notch publication.

Required Text for my Introduction to Language class. Actually ended up enjoying the subject and the book.

Extremely interesting read! I needed it as a textbook for a class but I still find myself flipping through its pages sometimes.

This textbook is easy to read because it specifically explains each linguistic term and provides examples. In the end of each chapter, there are exercises and activities that go along with the corresponding chapter. I needed this textbook for a Linguistics class I am currently taking, and I really like it so far. I have already learned a lot of new information regarding linguistics, specifically phonetics. I feel like this textbook can even be used for senior high school students who are interested in basic linguistics.

My linguistics teacher recommend me this book and I'm so glad I listened to her. All the information

is explained in a very detailed but also in an extremely easy way to understand. It contains all the basics you need as a linguistics student about all the different subfields this wide study field has.

Large book, tough to carry around, but important to have and a keeper for your bookshelf if you are a Linguistics major or any foreign language major. I come from New England, where the dialect and sounds of the accent are very obvious to many people. I am also a French language major. This book helps you understand why people speak the way they speak, citing examples all throughout the USA so that one can understand and relate it to other world languages.

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