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Requiring no prior knowledge of the subject, this text tackles basic questions central to the study of psycholinguistics, such as whether language is restricted to humans, whether there is biological evidence for innate language activity, how children learn language, and how we understand, plan and produce language. The author investigates these issues with regard to animal communication, child language and the language of adults, and provides references and suggestions for further reading. The book has been substantially revised, in particular taking account of the considerable changes in Chomsky's recent ideas. As a result, the chapters on grammatical innateness, child language acquisition and speech comprehension have been largely rewritten.

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Jenny says

Fascinating textbook on speech understanding and development. I would recommend this to people interested in having children, as it provides excellent insight into mental development in babies.

Ashish Gourav says

A must read for every psychology enthusiast. This is designed as an introductory exercise into psycholinguistics, deals more with language, parenting & scientific thinking. Obviously it isn't a swift read but would leave you an insightful person. So much for dinner-table conversations!!!

Aga says

Classics revisited.

Rima Muryantina says

A very brilliant introduction to psycholinguistics. It doesn't make me confused. It makes me even more curious.

Sowmya says

It was a great intro. Period.

Jon says

Interesting subject. Let down by dull style.

Jazmin says

I purchased this on my kindle, so I didn't realise it was a textbook at the time! It felt like reading a popular science novel. I put down the book feeling enriched and pretty chuffed with myself for reading textbook.

Eabdolelah says

I love this book so much, it got me so far with the brain not just with articulation, but with the way it thinks.

Rachael Johnson says

I read this years ago as a text for my Linguistics major at university. It was fascinating and by far my favourite area of the subject. I have often kept track of it and really wanted to fork out for my own up to date copy. Now that it has been significantly revised I've gone and purchased the latest version to check it out. I can't wait to read it again! It is so accessible and doesn't feel like a text at all. If you are at all into language then you will enjoy this. A great read.

Bettie? says

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Sara says

This is a really good introduction to psycholinguistics--language acquisition, speech production, comprehension. It provides a short guide to the evolution of Chomsky's theories as well as those that run alongside and counter to his theories. There is a substantial and useful "further reading" section at the back of the book and an equally useful list of sources. I bought the Kindle version because it was more in line with my bank account than the print book, and its index is conveniently linked to indexed topics as they appear throughout the book. To top it off, the information in the book is presented clearly and is easy to follow, easy to become engaged with.
