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Psychology of Reading
2nd Edition

Keith Rayner, University of California, USA; Alexander Pollatsek, Jane Ashby, Charles Clifton, University of Massachusetts, USA

“I don’t think it’s possible to overstate the importance of this book. It’s written by some of the very best-known and respected researchers in the field who, to a very large degree, have defined the field itself. In short, reading research would not have been the same without these authors, and to the present day they’re still amongst the most prominent scholars in the world.” - Steven Frisson, University of Birmingham, UK

“I absolutely loved reading this book. The level of detail and analysis provided in several of the chapters was exceptional. In fact, given the attention to detail, and the continual use of presenting data followed by argument/criticism to build a position, results in a book that will be valuable at many levels.” - Edward O’Brien, University of New Hampshire, USA

Reading is a highly complex skill that is prerequisite to success in many societies in which a great deal of information is communicated in written form. Since the 1970s, much has been learned about the reading process from research by cognitive psychologists. This book summarizes that important work and puts it into a coherent framework.

The book’s central theme is how readers go about extracting information from the printed page and comprehending the text. Like its predecessor, this thoroughly updated second edition encompasses all aspects of the psychology of reading with chapters on writing systems, word recognition, the work of the eyes during reading, inner speech, sentence processing, discourse processing, learning to read, dyslexia, individual differences and speed reading.

Psychology of Reading, 2nd Edition, is essential reading for undergraduates, graduates, and researchers in cognitive psychology and could be used as a core textbook on courses on the psychology of reading and related topics. In addition, the clear writing style makes the book accessible to people without a background in psychology but who have a personal or professional interest in the process of reading.

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Explaining Individual Differences in Reading
Theory and Evidence

Susan A. Brady, University of Rhode Island and Haskins Laboratories, USA; David Braze, Haskins Laboratories, USA; Carol A. Fowler, Haskins Laboratories and University of Connecticut, USA (Eds.)

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“The contributors to this book provide the most appropriate tribute to Don Shankweiler, one of the giants of our field – a description of the cumulative and continuing impact of his seminal ideas. In this volume, the reader gets what would be expected from this All Star list of contributors: a comprehensive treatment of our understanding of individual differences in the development of reading ability with particular emphasis on the phonological deficit hypothesis.” - Keith Stanovich, University of Toronto, Canada, author of Progress in Understanding Reading and winner of the 2010 Grawemeyer Award in Education

Research into reading development and reading disabilities has been dominated by phonologically guided theories for several decades. In this volume, the authors of 11 chapters report on a wide array of current research topics, examining the scope, limits and implications of a phonological theory. The volume is an essential resource for researchers interested in the cognitive foundations of reading and literacy, language and communication disorders, or psycholinguistics; and those working in reading disabilities, learning disabilities, special education, and the teaching of reading.

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Reading and Dyslexia in Different Orthographies

Nicola Brunswick, Middlesex University, UK; Siné McDougall, Bournemouth University, UK; Paul de Mornay Davies, Middlesex University, UK (Eds.)

“This book is aimed at advanced undergraduates and postgraduates, but its structure, the excellent index, the inclusion of a glossary, and the fluid writing by the contributing authors all make it very accessible both for those who know little about dyslexia and for those who have a particular interest in this area and want to find out more. This book will undoubtedly help anyone wishing to further their understanding of dyslexia by considering its manifestation in languages other than English, and I recommend it wholeheartedly to all those who are working with individuals who have dyslexia.” - Nichola Stuart in the International Journal of Language and Communication Disorders

This book provides a unique and accessible account of current research on reading and dyslexia in different orthographies. Bringing together contributions from a group of leading literacy researchers from around the world, it is ideal reading for advanced undergraduates and postgraduates who have an interest in language acquisition, reading and spelling, as well as speech and language therapists, teachers and special educational needs professionals.

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Ken Pugh & Peggy McCordle (Eds.)
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Extraordinary Brain Series

“This volume is a valuable contribution to our growing understanding of the biological and cognitive bases of dyslexia. We believe that researchers in neuroscience, genetics, and cognitive science will find useful summaries of current research in these areas. Reading instructors looking for current research that is relevant to the development of intervention programs will find the volume challenging but rewarding.” - David W. Carroll and Debora P. Carroll in PsycCRITIQUES

This book brings together in one volume information about the neurobiological, genetic, and behavioral bases of reading and reading disabilities. In recent years, research on assessment and treatment of reading disability (dyslexia) has become a magnet for the application of new techniques and technologies from neuroscience, cognitive psychology, and cognitive neuroscience. This interdisciplinary fusion has yielded numerous and diverse findings regarding the brain basis of this syndrome, which are discussed in this volume by leading researchers. Intervention approaches based on such research are presented. The book also calls for research in specific directions, to encourage the field to continue moving into the bold frontier of how the brain reads.

The volume is essential reading for a range of researchers, clinicians, and other professionals interested in reading and reading disability, and also commemorates the tenth anniversary of the Extraordinary Brain Conferences hosted by The Dyslexia Foundation.

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This book captures the diversity and richness of writing as it relates to different forms of abilities, skills, competencies, and expertise. Psychologists, educators, researchers, and practitioners in neighboring areas are interested in exploring how writing develops and in what manner this development can be fostered, but they lack a handy, unified, and comprehensive source of information to satisfy their interest. The goal of this book is to fill this void by reflecting on the phenomenon of writing from a developmental perspective.

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Michel Fayol, Université Blaise-Pascale, Clermont-Ferrand, France; M. Denis Alamargot, Université de Poitiers, France; Virginia W. Berninger, University of Washington, USA (Eds.)

Translation of cognitive representations into written language is one of the most important processes in writing. This volume provides a long-awaited updated overview of the field.

The contributors discuss each of the commonly used research methods for studying translation; theorize about the nature of the cognitive and language representations and cognitive/linguistic transformation mechanisms involved in translation during writing; and make the case that translation is a higher-order executive function that is fundamental to the writing process.

The book also reviews the application of research to practice – that is, the translation of the research findings in education and the work-world for individuals who interact with others using written language to communicate ideas.

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Psychology of Language, Reading & Writing

Past, Present, and Future Contributions of Cognitive Writing Research to Cognitive Psychology

Virginia W. Berninger, University of Washington, USA (Ed.)

“Those who teach the art of writing and those who desire to improve their own writing skills will find this volume to be a valuable resource.” - Richard Kellogg, Professor Emeritus, SUNY College of Technology, USA

This volume tells the story of research on the cognitive processes of writing – including the perspectives of the early pioneers and contemporary contributors, and visions of the future for the field.

Writing processes yield important insights into human cognition, and is increasingly becoming a mainstream topic of investigation in cognitive psychology and cognitive neuroscience. Technological advances have made it possible to study cognitive writing processes as writing unfolds in real time. This book provides an introduction to these technologies.

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The Neuroscience of Language

Gianfranco Denes, Universities of Padua and Venice, Italy
Translated by Philippa Venturelli Smith

“In this admirably concise yet comprehensive book, Denes brings together all of the major issues concerning the representation of language in the human brain, using evidence from neurology, neuroimaging, studies of brain-damaged people and linguistic theory. This is a valuable introduction, that will encourage students from a wide range of disciplines to explore these issues.” - David Howard, Research Professor, Centre for Research in Linguistics and Language Sciences, Newcastle University, UK

The origin, development, and nature of language has been the focus of theoretical debate among philosophers for many centuries. Following the pioneering clinical observations 150 years ago of loss of language following a cerebral lesion, language started to be considered a biological system that could be investigated scientifically. As a consequence, an increasing number of scientists began to search for its anatomical and functional basis and its links with other such cognitive systems. The relatively recent introduction of neuroimaging tools, such as PET and fMRI, has brought rapid and groundbreaking developments to the field of Neurolinguistics.

In this book, Denes harnesses these advances to adopt a biolinguistic approach to the study of a subject that increasingly sees the collaboration of linguists, experimental psychologists, neuroscientists and clinicians. Talking Heads reviews the latest research to provide a concise analysis of the multifaceted aspects of language which focuses both on theoretical aspects and physical implementation.

Following an up-to-date description of acquired language disorders, and their contribution to the design of a functional architecture of language, the book illustrates the neurological process involved in the production and comprehension of spoken and written language, as well as investigating the neurological and functional systems responsible for sign language production and first and second language acquisition.

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The Tip of the Tongue State

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“Alan Brown has continually shaped the way researchers think about TOTs. Here, Brown has written a well thought out overview of research on the TOT phenomenon. This book will be an indispensible guide to anyone doing or intending to do research in this area. It will shape and guide research on TOTs by establishing common conventions and promoting a new set of research questions. I’ve been researching the TOT phenomenon for over twenty years, but I was challenged to think in new ways by Brown’s book.” - Bennett L. Schwartz, Professor of Psychology, Florida International University, USA

This book brings together the body of empirical findings and theoretical interpretations of the tip of the tongue (TOT) experience – when a well-known or familiar word cannot immediately be recalled. Although research has been published on TOTs for over a century, the experience retains its fascination for both cognitive and linguistic researchers.

After a review of various research procedures used to study TOTs, the book offers a summary of attempts to manipulate this rare cognitive experience through cue and prime procedures. Various aspects of the inaccessible target word are frequently available – such as first letter and syllable number – even in the absence of actual retrieval, and the book explores the implications of these bits of target-word information for mechanisms for word storage and retrieval. It also examines what characteristics of a word make it potentially more vulnerable to a TOT; why words related to the target word (called “interlopers”) often come to mind; the recovery process, when the momentarily-inaccessible word is recovered shortly after the TOT is first experienced; and efforts to evaluate individual differences in the likelihood to experience TOTs.

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This innovative volume provides a state-of-the-art overview of the relationship between language and cognition with a focus on bilinguals. It brings together contributions from international leading figures in various disciplines and showcases contemporary research on the emerging area of bilingual cognition.

The volume is essential reading for researchers and postgraduate students with an interest in language and cognition, or in bilingualism and second languages.

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“This volume is a really impressive achievement and a major contribution to the field. It provides historical depth, lucid exposition and up-to-date theoretical treatment.” - David W. Green, University College London, UK

Psycholinguistics – the field of science that examines the mental processes and knowledge structures involved in the acquisition, comprehension, and production of language – had a strong monolingual orientation during the first four decades following its emergence around 1950. The awareness that a large part of mankind speaks more than one language – that this may impact both on the way each individual language is used and on the thought processes of bilinguals and multilinguals, and that, consequently, our theories on human linguistic ability and its role in non-linguistic cognition are incomplete and, perhaps, false – has led to a steep growth of studies on bilingualism and multilingualism since around 1995.

This textbook introduces the reader to the field of study that examines language acquisition, comprehension and production from the perspective of the bilingual and multilingual speaker. It furthermore provides an introduction to studies that investigate the implications of being bilingual on various aspects of non-linguistic cognition. The major topics covered are the development of language in children growing up in a bilingual environment either from birth or relatively soon after, late foreign language learning, and word recognition, sentence comprehension, speech production, and translation processes in bilinguals. Furthermore, the ability of bilinguals and multilinguals to generally produce language in the “intended” language is discussed, as is the cognitive machinery that enables this. Finally, the consequences of bilingualism and multilingualism for non-linguistic cognition and findings and views regarding the biological basis of bilingualism and multilingualism are presented.

The textbook’s primary readership are students and researchers in Cognitive Psychology, Linguistics, and Applied Linguistics, but teachers of language and translators and interpreters who wish to become better informed on the cognitive and biological basis of bilingualism and multilingualism will also benefit from it.

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Gideon Keren, University of Tilburg, The Netherlands (Ed.)

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Language comprises a major mark of humans compared with other primates and is the main vehicle for social interaction. A major characteristic of any natural language is that the same communication, idea, or intention can be articulated in different ways – in other words, the same message can be “framed” differently. The same medical treatment can be portrayed in terms chance of success or chance of failure; energy reduction can be expressed in terms of savings per day or savings per year; and a task can be described as 80% completed or 20% uncompleted. In this book, contributors from a variety of disciplines – psychology, linguistics, marketing, political science, and medical decision making – come together to better understand the mechanisms underlying framing effects and assess their impact on the communication process.

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Trevor A. Harley, University of Dundee, UK

“In Talking the Talk: Language, Psychology and Science by Trevor Harley, one finds both a lively and amusing introduction to the field. He strikes the ideal tone for a gentle introduction to the topic, with witty asides and self-deprecating humor.” - Shelia Kennison and Rachel Messer in PsycCRITIQUES

Language makes us human, but how do we use it and how do children learn it? Talking the Talk is an introduction to the psychology of language. Written for the reader with no background in the area or knowledge of psychology, it explains how we actually “do” language: how we speak, listen, and read.

This book provides an accessible and comprehensive introduction to psycholinguistics, the study of the psychological processes involved in language. It shows how it’s possible to study language experimentally, and how psychologists use these experiments to build models of language processing.

The book focuses on controversy in modern psycholinguistics, and covers the all the main topics, including how children acquire language, how language is related to the brain, and what can go wrong – and what can be done when something does go wrong.

Structured around questions that people often ask about language, the emphasis of Talking the Talk is how scientific knowledge can be applied to practical problems. It also stresses how language is related to other aspects of psychology, particularly in whether animals can learn language, and the relation between language and thought.

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“This book presents a diverse set of chapters, providing a wide ranging review of current issues in visuo-spatial cognition. It is refreshing to find such a range of material presented together, and I am sure this strategy will continue to foster debate and discussion of these important issues. The book provides both a survey of recent and not so recent research, as well as recounting a particular route taken through a range of topics by Denis and co-workers. It is invaluable reading both for those with a clear sense of direction, as well as those who prefer a more meandering course through a range of related topics, gaining inspiration along the way.” - Kevin Dent, University of Essex, UK

“This timely edited collection is a joy to read. The chapters are approachable and clearly written, and cover every major area of the field of mental imagery and its place in cognition.” - Trevor Harley, University of Dundee, UK

The nature of mental images and their relation to language has caused controversy amongst psychologists for years, and the so-called “imagery debate” is still unresolved. However, fresh light is being shed on this argument using recent findings in neuroscience and the development of behavioural studies. This book analyses how this research can be used to explain the performance of complex tasks in everyday life.

Reviewing state-of-the-art research in the fields of imagery, visuo-spatial memory, spatial representation and language, with special emphasis on their interactions, the volume shows how, and to what extent, findings from the studies on imagery can positively influence and enrich other psychological areas such as:

- Working memory
- Space and time representation
- Language and embodiment.

Chapter 9, written by Michel Denis to whom this book is dedicated, analyses more than three decades of research, and outlines the shared scientific journey of friendship and discovery that has developed across various cognitive topics, all of which are linked to, and inspired by, imagery conceptualization. This is the only book to present a critical outline of research on these topics in a single volume, and as such will be invaluable to advanced undergraduates, postgraduates and researchers in such fields as cognitive psychology, neuroscience, computer science and neuropsychology.

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Authors in the fields of communication disorders analyze the psychological, social and linguistic processes and interactions underpinning clinical practice, from both the client and clinician perspectives. The chapters demonstrate how it is possible to analyze and understand client–clinician discourse using qualitative research, and describe various challenges to establishing relationships such as cultural, gender and age differences. The authors go on to describe self-care processes, the therapeutic use of the self, and various psychological factors that could be important for developing therapeutic relationships. While this book is geared toward the needs of practicing and training speech, language and hearing clinicians, other professional such as teachers of the deaf, psychotherapists, nurses, and occupational therapists will find the ideas relevant, interesting and easily translatable for use in their own clinical practice.

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School success in the 21st century requires proficiency with expository discourse – the use and understanding of informative language in spoken and written modalities. This occurs, for example, when high school students read their textbooks and listen to their teachers’ lectures, and later are asked to demonstrate their knowledge of this complex topic through oral reports and essay examinations.

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This cross disciplinary volume fills that gap in the literature and makes a unique contribution to the study of language development and disorders. It will be of interest to a range of professionals, including speech-language pathologists, teachers, linguists, and psychologists who are concerned with language development and disorders.

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Few activities can match the complexity of human communication. Given its intricacy, it is understandable that the process will not always work properly. When it doesn’t, the effects can be devastating, given how much of everyday life depends on communicating with one another. Despite its importance, however, much is still unclear about how we turn thoughts into language and then speech. Debates rage over various components of the communication system. Myths abound, most based on nothing more than speculation and misinformation. It all makes for a fascinating area of study and practice, particularly when considering the importance of the topic.

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Communication Sciences and Disorders: An Introduction to the Professions is essential reading for anyone contemplating a career in speech-language pathology or audiology. In addition, the clear and entertaining writing style makes the field, in all its complexity, accessible to anyone with even a passing interest in the process of human communication.

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David Ward, The University of Reading, UK
Kathleen Scaler Scott, Misericordia University, USA (Eds.)

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Very few people are aware of the significant negative impact that cluttering – a communication disorder that affects a person’s ability to speak in a clear, concise and fluent manner – can have on one’s life educationally, socially and vocationally. Although different from stuttering, it is often related to this more well-known disorder. This book treats cluttering as a serious communication disorder in its own right, providing an in-depth examination of the critical factors surrounding its assessment, treatment and research.

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