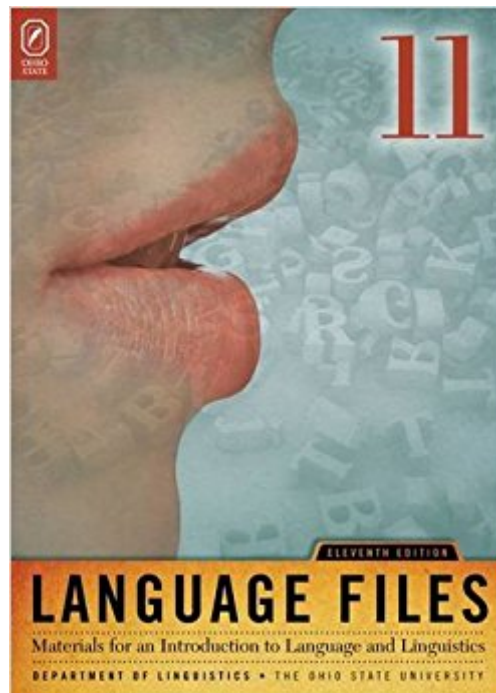




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As a student, I learned from version 9 of this book. As a first-time linguistics teacher, I used the most current edition, which at this time is 11. They've kept a lot of the fundamentals the same, reorganized some things, and of course updated the 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.

I'm not a student of Linguistics. I took an intro class for a GE and was required to purchase the book. That said, it was excellent! The book's writing isn't too hard to swallow, and it's littered with useful examples and charts. I kept it after the class was over because I enjoyed the content so much, I felt like I would read it for fun!

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.

This is a good book. It goes into detail about all the different varieties and pronunciations of English and Sign Languages. It is divided nicely and has great built-in quizzes and food for thought.

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.

Fast shipping. Came in perfect condition. Exactly as advertised. Highly satisfied with my purchase. Would order again from this seller. I needed it ASAP for class and I wasn't disappointed. Thank you so much for shipping to Guam.

I bought it because I found the prize affordable and the deal (free shipping) incredible. Anyone studying in the field of Language and Linguistic won't be disappointed. Is not divided in chapters, but rather folios. So far is easy to read and understand and it has examples that go with the concept.

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