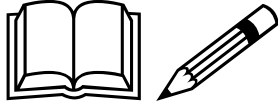


MODERN LINGUISTICS

Hauptstudium: basic reading for final exam preparation, revision, etc



Students frequently ask me to recommend reading on standard ideas in mainstream linguistics. Here is a selection of reading on modern linguistics for Hausarbeiten, final exam preparation and revision, etc.

1. INTRODUCTORY / GENERAL

Crystal, D (1997) *The Cambridge Encyclopedia of Language*. 2nd ed. Cambridge: CUP.

Crystal, D (2003) *The Cambridge Encyclopedia of the English Language*. 2nd ed. Cambridge: CUP.

Both excellent introductions to many areas: a good place to start looking for information. Lots of good pictures!

Graddol, D, Leith, D & Swann, J eds (1996) *English: History, Diversity and Change*. London: Routledge.

Graddol, D, Leith, D & Rhys, M & Gillen, J eds (2007) *Changing English*. London: Routledge.

These two books are from the British Open University courses on "The English Language: Past, Present and Future". Beautifully produced. Articles by leading researchers, and lots of pictures, maps and cartoons ... ;-)

Pinker, S (1994) *The Language Instinct: The New Science of Language and Mind*. Harmondsworth: Allen Lane / Penguin.

Very well written bestseller. But **beware**: it claims to be a general introduction, but is written from a Chomskyan perspective.

Yule, G (2006) *The Study of Language*. 3rd edition. Cambridge: CUP.

But **very** introductory. Really suitable only for Zwischenprüfung.

2. HISTORIES

Robins R H (1990) *A Short History of Linguistics*. 3rd ed. London: Longman.

Sampson, G (1980) *Schools of Linguistics*. London: Hutchinson.

Robins is rather dry, but contains all the main facts. Sampson gives a more interesting personal account (but is unfortunately out of print).

Seuren, P A M (1998) *Western Linguistics: An Historical Introduction*. Oxford: Blackwell.

Good on early history. But **beware**: nothing on British Firthian linguistics; then very Chomskyan, and also oriented towards Seuren's own views of generative semantics, and then very(!) critical of Chomsky, eg see p.526!

De Beaugrande, R (1991) *Linguistic Theory: The Discourse of Fundamental Works*. London: Longman.

Commentary on the original words of Saussure, Bloomfield, Chomsky, Firth, Halliday and others. Very useful! You can download the whole book from his website: <http://www.beaugrande.com/>.

Matthews, P H (1993) *Grammatical Theory in the United States from Bloomfield to Chomsky*. Cambridge: CUP.

Newmeyer, F J (1986) *Linguistic Theory in America*. 2nd ed. New York: Academic Press.

Both clear titles ... Newmeyer is on the first 25 years of Chomskyan linguistics.

Newmeyer, F J (1986) *The Politics of Linguistics*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Odd title: it's a useful defense of "autonomous" linguistics.

3. ENCYCLOPEDIAS AND MAJOR REFERENCE / HANDBOOKS

Several publishers now produce authoritative accounts of standard areas.

Asher, R E ed (1994) *The Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics*. 10 vols. London: Pergamon.

Very useful. Detailed articles on many topics. (2005 edition edited by E K Brown, R E Asher & J M Y Simpson.)

Collinge, N E ed (1990) *An Encyclopedia of Language*. London: Routledge.

Good survey articles on many topics. Some now a bit out-of-date.

Newmeyer, F J ed (1988) *Linguistics: The Cambridge Survey*. 4 vols. Cambridge: CUP.

Good articles on the foundations of linguistics, and on psychological and sociological topics. The "foundation" articles are rather dated in so far as they are and more narrowly Chomskyan than it admits.

4. HANDBOOK SERIES [BLACKWELL]

Blackwell produce a series of substantial "handbooks", eg:

Chambers, J K et al eds (2001) *The Handbook of Language Variation and Change*.

Coulmas, F ed (1997) *The Handbook of Sociolinguistics*.

Davies, A & Elder, C eds (2004) *The Handbook of Applied Linguistics*.

Fletcher, P & MacWhinney, B (1995) *The Handbook of Child Language*.

Holmes, J & Meyerhoff, M (2003) *The Handbook of Language and Gender*.

Joseph, B & Janda, R eds. (2003) *The Handbook of Historical Linguistics*.

Kachru, B (2006) *The Handbook of World Englishes*.

Schiffrin, D et al eds (2001) *The Handbook of Discourse Analysis*.

On sociolinguistics: these two books are useful surveys

Fasold, R (1984) *The Sociolinguistics of Society*. Oxford: Blackwell.

Fasold, R (1990) *The Sociolinguistics of Language*. Oxford: Blackwell.

5. TEXTBOOKS. THE RED CUP SERIES.

The Cambridge University Press "red" series provides reliable textbooks on main branches of linguistics and concepts:

Bauer, L (1983) *English Word Formation*.

Bynon, T (1977) *Historical Linguistics*.

Chambers, J K & Trudgill, P (1980) *Dialectology*.

Croft, W (1990) *Typology and Universals*.

Cruse, D A (1986) *Lexical Semantics*. [A standard textbook.]

Duranti, A (1997) *Linguistic Anthropology*.

Garman, M (1990) *Psycholinguistics*.

Hudson, R A (1996) *Sociolinguistics*. 2nd ed. [A standard textbook.]

Levinson, S C (1983) *Pragmatics*. [A standard textbook.]

Matthews, P H (1991) *Morphology*, 2nd ed.

Comrie, B (1976) *Aspect*.

Comrie, B (1980) *Tense*.

Corbett, G (1991) *Gender*.

Palmer, F R (1986) *Mood and Modality*.

On more specific topics, "Spezialgebiete". I'll add to these sections from time to time.

6. SEMANTICS AND PRAGMATICS.

Austin, J L (1962) *How to Do Things with Words*. Oxford: Clarendon.
Searle, J R (1969) *Speech Acts*. Cambridge: CUP.
Searle, J R (1995) *The Construction of Social Reality*. London: Allen Lane.

Three classics.

Mey, J L (1993) *Pragmatics*. Oxford: Blackwell.
Verschueren, J (1999) *Understanding Pragmatics*. London: Arnold.
Levinson, S C (1983) *Pragmatics*. Cambridge: CUP.

Three textbooks: Levinson is important but quite difficult.

7. CORPUS LINGUISTICS.

Partington, A (1998) *Patterns and Meanings*. Amsterdam. Benjamins.
Sinclair, J (1991) *Corpus, Concordance, Collocation*. Oxford: OUP.
Sinclair, J (2004) *Trust the Text*. London: Routledge.
Stubbs, M (1996) *Text and Corpus Analysis*. Oxford: Blackwell.
Stubbs, M (2001) *Words and Phrases*. Oxford: Blackwell.
Tognini-Bonelli, E (2001) *Corpus Linguistics at Work*. Amsterdam: Benjamins.
