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Editorial Review

From the Back Cover

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Bruce M. Rowe and Diane P. Levine (Both of Los Angeles Pierce College)

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Highlights of This New Edition:

- Expanded discussion of **grammaticality** and **grammaticality judgments** (Chapter 5). The discussion focuses on the subconscious knowledge of the fluent speakers of a language to determine whether or not an utterance is grammatical (well-formed) or ungrammatical (ill-formed).
- Expanded and updated discussion of **lexical categories** (Chapters 4 and 5). Included is a discussion of the traditional parts of speech and the lexical categories used by contemporary linguistics.
- More information about the **process of language acquisition** after four years of age (Chapter 8). The discussion of first-language acquisition has been expanded to include information on older children.
- A new section on the question of whether or not English should be the official language of the United States (Chapter 7).
- Clear description of the differences between the **IPA** and the **APA** (Chapter 2).
- New boxed materials include:

Miscommunication Based on Cultural Differences (Chapter 1) *introduces the concept of culture shock and ethnocentrism.*

Etic and Emic (Chapter 3)

The Acquisition of Syntax in Children Five to Ten Years Old (Chapter 8)

About the Author

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I. Author Bio

Bruce M. Rowe is a professor of anthropology at Los Angeles Pierce College, where he has taught since 1970. He designed the college's first linguistics course for students majoring or minoring in linguistics, anthropology, education, English, Interpreting for the Deaf, and communications studies, and for those fulfilling a general education requirement. Professor Rowe also teaches physical and cultural anthropology as well as sociology. In addition to *A Concise Introduction to Linguistics*, he has co-authored ten editions of *Physical Anthropology*, two editions of *Physical Anthropology: The Core*, and physical anthropology study guides and workbooks (all with Philip L. Stein). Professor Rowe has authored four editions of *The College Survival Guide: Hints and References to Aid College Students* and *The College Awareness Guide: What Students Need to Know to Succeed in College*. He has received numerous awards for teaching. He is a fellow of the American Anthropological Association and a member of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists and the Society for Anthropology in Community Colleges.

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I. Author Letter

Dear Colleague,

Linguistics courses are taught in several academic departments, including linguistics, English, and anthropology. In addition, students with majors other than linguistics, English, and anthropology might be required to take an introductory course in linguistics; these include communications, education, journalism, sociology, and deaf studies. Most linguistics books on the market are directed specifically to linguistics, English, or anthropology majors.

We have attempted to write an introductory text that covers the core topics of linguistics and provides the information and concepts that will allow students to understand more detailed and advanced treatments of linguistics, should they pursue the field further. In other words, our book is written with the general education student in mind, but it also provides the linguistics, English, and anthropology major with the resources needed to succeed in the next level of courses.

We have written this book in a manner that does not assume previous knowledge of linguistics on the part of the student. We explain all concepts in a systematic way assisted by numerous pedagogical aids. We attempt to make complex linguistic topics as easy to learn as possible. For students, we have included introductory questions, numerous exercises and study questions, chapter summaries, cross-cultural examples, and there is an online learning center with numerous features. For instructors we have expanded the test bank to include over 1200 questions and provided teaching suggestions and a list of websites of potential interest to people teaching a linguistics course.

We recently received a letter from a professor that we would like to share with you:

"I am writing to tell you how glad I am to have found the textbook that you co-authored. After searching for an introductory linguistics text that did not send students away from class, I finally found one, yours. I am mostly a Spanish instructor, but since my major was Spanish Linguistics, I also teach the Language and Culture course at my college and have struggled to find a level-appropriate text. Most texts were either too oriented toward theoretical linguistics or completely skewed towards anthropology. Yours is the perfect blend, suitable for either a straight introductory linguistics course or a linguistic anthropology course. I am particularly pleased by the ordering of phonetics, then phonology, then morphology; several texts I have looked at start with either morphology or pragmatics and discourse analysis. I was also pleased to see an entire chapter devoted to Sign Language. And students will be delighted that the text book was available online for under \$50 (the one I had been using was \$120 new!)." (Jeanne Egasse, Irvine Valley College, 4/8/2011)

We would be happy to hear from anyone using our book or considering it for use in a linguistics or language and culture class. Our emails are: rowebm@piercecollege.edu and levinedp@piercecollege.edu

Sincerely,

Bruce M. Rowe & Diane P. Levine

Pierce College

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Michael Watkins:

Reading a publication tends to be new life style in this era globalization. With studying you can get a lot of information that could give you benefit in your life. Using book everyone in this world could share their idea. Publications can also inspire a lot of people. A great deal of author can inspire their own reader with their story as well as their experience. Not only situation that share in the publications. But also they write about the information about something that you need example of this. How to get the good score toefl, or how to teach your sons or daughters, there are many kinds of book which exist now. The authors on this planet always try to improve their ability in writing, they also doing some investigation before they write on their book. One of them is this A Concise Introduction to Linguistics (3rd Edition).

Hugo Mann:

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