

Procedure for BA exams in English Linguistics - Autumn Term 2026

1. Application

- ✓ Please make sure that you have fulfilled all the requirements specified in the BA regulations **and** the *Wegleitung* for English according to the BA study plan.
- ✓ Choose an examiner (M. Locher; Z. Köylü [10 max.], M. Willenberg [5 max.]).
- ✓ The completed form has to be submitted to the *Dekanat*.
- ✓ Deadlines and application forms can be found here:
<https://philhist.unibas.ch/de/studium/studierende/bachelor-pruefung-abschluss/>
- ✓ The literature for exam preparation can be skimmed in ADAM before making a topic decision:
<https://adam.unibas.ch/go/crs/2083902>
- ✓ To apply for the BA exam, students must get in touch with their examiner **two weeks before the official application deadline at the latest**. Students must send the **completed BA-application form** and their **academic progress summary** to their examiner in advance.

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→ PLEASE CONTACT YOUR EXAMINERS two weeks before (as you need a signature, you need to allow enough time to organize this).

- ✓ As preparation, students are to choose **two areas of specialization** from the list below (section 4).
- ✓ Note that the two topics can be offered by the same examiner or by two different ones. When two topics cannot be combined, this is indicated in a note below the topic title.
- ✓ Only one examiner signs the form to accept the candidate.

2. Exam

- ✓ Students will receive the official dates (and place) for the written exam from the *Dekanat*.
- ✓ In the 4-hour written exam, you will receive question(s) for only **one topic**. In other words, there is no choice between the two prepared topics.

3. Evaluation criteria

During the exam:

Please read the question carefully and make a draft of how to answer the question. Make sure to actually answer the question and not only write down everything you know about the topic in general. Whenever possible, juxtapose different points of view (by the different scholars on the reading list) and give examples of your own. In addition, you should make sure that your own critical thoughts and assessment of the texts on the

reading list can be clearly discerned.

Criteria for assessment:

- (1) clarity and correctness of the answer;
- (2) demonstration of having understood the texts on the reading list;
- (3) clear evidence of the candidate's own position concerning different points of view found in the literature;
- (4) correctness of presenting academic sources and ideas;
- (5) academic English

4. BA Topics in English Linguistics

The available examiners are indicated in brackets after the topic. The list of references follows after the overview. Note that the amount of reading differs per topic as a function of (a) difficulty of the text and (b) whether the subject has been taught in the BA Programme, or whether it has to be worked out by self-study. In case general and focus literature is indicated, all texts have to be read.

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Cognitive Approaches to Grammar: Construction Grammars (Köylü)

Note: Cannot be combined with any other topic from “Cognitive approaches to grammar”

General:

Hilpert, M. (2019). *Construction Grammar and its Application to English*, 2nd edition. Edinburgh University Press.
→ Chp 1+2 pp. 1–49.

Focus:

Boas, H. C. (2013). Cognitive construction grammar. In T. Hoffmann & G. Trousdale (Eds.), *The Oxford handbook of construction grammar* (pp. 233–254). Oxford University Press.

Diessel, H. (2019). Usage-based construction grammar. In E. Dąbrowska & D. Divjak (Eds.), *Cognitive Linguistics II: A Survey of Linguistic Subfields* (pp. 50–80). De Gruyter Mouton.

Hoffmann, T. (2017a). Construction Grammars. In B. Dancygier (Ed.), *The Cambridge Handbook of Cognitive Linguistics* (pp. 310–329). Cambridge University Press.

Hoffmann, T. (2017b). From Constructions to Construction Grammars. In B. Dancygier (Ed.), *The Cambridge Handbook of Cognitive Linguistics* (pp. 284–309). Cambridge University Press.

Wulff, S. (2013). Words and idioms. In T. Hoffmann & G. Trousdale (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Construction Grammar* (pp. 274–289). Oxford University Press.

Cognitive Approaches to Grammar: The Usage-Based Approach (Köylü)

Note: Cannot be combined with any other topic from “Cognitive approaches to grammar”

General:

Hilpert, M. (2019). *Construction Grammar and its Application to English*, 2nd edition. Edinburgh University Press.
→ Chp 1+2 pp. 1–49.

Focus:

Bybee, J. (2010). *Language, usage and cognition*. Cambridge University Press.

→ Chp. 1–5, pp. 1–104.

Bybee, J. L. (2013). Usage-based theory and exemplar representation of constructions. In T. Hoffman & G. Trousdale (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Construction Grammar* (pp. 49–69). Oxford University Press.

Goldberg, A. E. (2013). Constructionist approaches to language. In T. Hoffmann & G. Trousdale (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Construction Grammar* (pp. 14–31). Oxford University Press.

Ibbotson, P. (2013). The scope of usage-based theories. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 4, 255.

<https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2013.00255>.

Schmid, H.-J. (2015). A blueprint of the Entrenchment-and-Conventionalization Model. *Yearbook of the German Cognitive Linguistics Association (CGLA)*, 3(1), 3–25. <https://doi.org/10.1515/gcla-2015-0002>

Cognitive Semantics: Frame Semantics (Köylü)

Note: Cannot be combined with any other topic from “Cognitive semantics”

General:

Evans, V., & Green, M. (2006). *Cognitive linguistics: An introduction*. Edinburgh University Press.

→ Chp. 5: What is cognitive semantics, pp. 156–175.

Focus:

Boas, H. C. (2021). Construction Grammar and Frame Semantics. In X. Wen & J. R. Taylor (Eds.), *The Routledge handbook of cognitive linguistics* (pp. 43–77). Routledge.

Cienki, A. (2007). Frames, idealized cognitive model, and domains. In D. Geeraerts & H. Cuyckens (Eds.), *The Oxford handbook of cognitive linguistics* (pp. 170–187). Oxford University Press.

Croft, William & Cruse, D. Alan (2004). *Cognitive linguistics*. Cambridge University Press.

→ Chp. 1: Frames, domains, spaces: The organization of conceptual structure, pp. 7–39.

Evans, V., & Green, M. (2006). *Cognitive linguistics: An introduction*. Edinburgh University Press.

→ Chp. 7: The encyclopedic view of meaning, pp. 206–247.

Fillmore, C.J., (2007). Frame semantics. In V. Evans, B. K. Bergen, & J. Zinken (Eds.), *The cognitive linguistics reader* (pp. 238–262). Equinox.

Cognitive Semantics: Linguistic Categorization and Prototypes (Köylü, Willenberg)

Note: Cannot be combined with any other topic from “Cognitive semantics”

General:

Evans, V., & Green, M. (2006). *Cognitive linguistics: An introduction*. Edinburgh University Press.

→ Chp. 5: What is cognitive semantics, pp. 156–175.

Focus:

Taylor, J. R. (2003). *Linguistic categorization, 3rd edition*. Oxford University Press.

→ Intro plus Chp. 1–5, pp. 1–101.

Taylor, J. R. (2008). Prototypes in cognitive linguistics. In P. Robinson & N. C. Ellis (Eds.), *Handbook of cognitive linguistics and second language acquisition* (pp. 39–65). Routledge.

Van Der Auwera, J., & Gast, V. (2012). Categories and prototypes. In J. J. Song (Ed.), *The Oxford handbook of linguistic typology* (pp. 166–189). Oxford University Press. doi: [10.1093/oxfordhb/9780199281251.013.0010](https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780199281251.013.0010)

Ramscar, M., & Port, R. (2019). Categorization (without categories). In E. Dąbrowska & D. Divjak (Eds.), *Cognitive Linguistics I: Foundations of Language* (pp. 87–114). De Gruyter Mouton.

Cognitive Semantics: Mental Spaces and Conceptual Blending (Köylü)

Note: Cannot be combined with any other topic from “Cognitive semantics”

General:

Evans, V., & Green, M. (2006). *Cognitive linguistics: An introduction*. Edinburgh University Press.
→ Chp. 5: What is cognitive semantics, pp. 156–175.

Focus:

Coulson, S., & Oakley, T. (2000). Blending basics. *Cognitive Linguistics*, 11, 175–196.

Fauconnier, G. (2007). Mental spaces. In D. Geeraerts & H. Cuyckens (Eds.), *The Oxford handbook of cognitive linguistics* (pp. 351–376). Oxford University Press.

Oakley, T., & Pascual, E. (2017). Conceptual Blending Theory. In B. Dancygier (Ed.), *The Cambridge Handbook of Cognitive Linguistics* (pp. 423–448). Cambridge University Press.

Turner, M. (2019). Blending in language and communication. In E. Dąbrowska & D. Divjak (Eds.), *Cognitive Linguistics I: Foundations of Language* (pp. 245–270). De Gruyter Mouton.

Cognitive Semantics: Metaphors & Metonymy (Köylü, Willenberg)

Note: Cannot be combined with any other topic from “Cognitive semantics”

General:

Evans, V., & Green, M. (2006). *Cognitive linguistics: An introduction*. Edinburgh University Press.
→ Chp. 5: What is cognitive semantics, pp. 156–175.

Focus:

Evans, V., & Green, M. (2006). *Cognitive linguistics: An introduction*. Edinburgh University Press.
→ Chp. 9: Metaphor and metonymy, pp. 286–327.

Grady, J. E. (2007). Metaphor. In D. Geeraerts & H. Cuyckens (Eds.), *The Oxford handbook of cognitive linguistics* (pp. 187–213). Oxford University Press.

Littlemore, J. (2017). Metonymy. In B. Dancygier (Ed.), *The Cambridge Handbook of Cognitive Linguistics* (pp. 407–422). Cambridge University Press.

Sullivan, K. (2017). Conceptual Metaphor. In B. Dancygier (Ed.), *The Cambridge Handbook of Cognitive Linguistics* (pp. 385–406). Cambridge University Press.

Ungerer, F., & Schmid, H.-J. (2006). *An introduction to cognitive linguistics*. Pearson Longman.
→ Chp. 3: Conceptual metaphors and metonymies, pp. 114–162.

Digital Discourses: English on the Web (Locher, Willenberg)

Note: Cannot be combined with any other topic from "Digital Discourses"

Bolander, B., & Locher, M. A. (2020). Beyond the online offline distinction: Entry points to digital discourse. *Discourse, Context & Media*, 35(100383), 1–8. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dcm.2020.100383>

Dayter, D. (2015). Small stories and extended narratives on Twitter. *Discourse, Context & Media*, 10, 19–26. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dcm.2015.05.003>

Federici, A. (2025). The pragmatics of online healthcare communication: Politeness strategies in an anxiety and depression support community. *Journal of Pragmatics*, 246, 74–89. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pragma.2025.06.010>

Herring, S. C. (2019). The Coevolution of Computer-Mediated Communication and Computer-Mediated Discourse Analysis. In P. Bou-Franch & P. Garcés-Conejos Blitvich (Eds), *Analyzing Digital Discourse* (pp. 25–67). Springer International Publishing. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-92663-6_2

Tagg, C. (2025). Mobile events: Exploring mobile conversations in context as communicative events. *Language & Communication*, 103, 108–125. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.langcom.2025.04.00w8>

Yudytska, J. (2024). The interaction of technological affordances and user preferences: A corpus-based study of graphic features across Twitter and Discord. *Discourse, Context & Media*, 62, 100836. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dcm.2024.100836>

Digital Discourses: Multimodal Communication (Willenberg)

Note: Cannot be combined with any other topic from "Digital Discourse"

Herring, S. C. (2019). The Coevolution of Computer-Mediated Communication and Computer-Mediated Discourse Analysis. In P. Bou-Franch & P. Garcés-Conejos Blitvich (Eds), *Analyzing Digital Discourse* (pp. 25–67). Springer International Publishing. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-92663-6_2

Page, R., Barton, D., Lee, C., Unger, J.W., & Zappavigna, M. (2022). *Researching Language and Social Media: A Student Guide* (2nd ed.) (pp. 25–43). Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003121763>

Page, R. (2022). Analyzing multimodal interactions in social media contexts. In C. Vásquez (Ed.), *Research methods for digital discourse analysis* (pp. 159–176). Bloomsbury Academic.

Scott, K. (2022). *Pragmatics Online*. Milton Park: Routledge.

→ Chp. 5 “Non-verbal communication online”, pp. 82–107;

→ Chp. 6 “The pragmatics of memes”, pp. 108–126

Stöckl, H. (2020). Linguistic Multimodality – Multimodal Linguistics: A State-of-the-Art Sketch. In J. Wildfeuer, J. Pflaeging, J. Bateman, O. Seizov & C. Tseng (Eds.), *Multimodality: Disciplinary Thoughts and the Challenge of Diversity* (pp. 41–68). De Gruyter. <https://doi.org/10.1515/9783110608694-002>

Digital Discourses: Online narratives (Locher)

Note: Cannot be combined with any other topic from "Digital Discourses" nor with "Pragmatics: Narrative" nor with "Pragmatics of Fiction: Character Creation"

Dayter, D. (2016). *Discursive self in microblogging: Speech acts, stories and self-praise*. John Benjamins.

Georgakopoulou, A. (2013). 28. Narrative analysis and computer-mediated communication. In S. Herring, D. Stein, & T. Virtanen (Eds), *Pragmatics of Computer-Mediated Communication*. Mouton de Gruyter. <https://doi.org/10.1515/9783110214468.695>

Page, R. (2010). Re-examining narrativity: Small stories in status updates. *Text & Talk - An Interdisciplinary Journal of Language, Discourse & Communication Studies*, 30(4), 423–444.

<https://doi.org/10.1515/text.2010.021>

Thurnherr, F., Rudolf von Rohr, M.-T., & Locher, M. A. (2020). The functions of narrative passages in three written online health contexts. In Z. Demjén (Ed.), *Applying Linguistics in Illness and Healthcare Contexts* (pp. 186–219). Bloomsbury. [Reprint of <https://doi.org/10.1515/opli-2016-0024>]

First Language Acquisition: Acquisition of the System: Extracting Schemas and Rules (Köylü)

Note: Cannot be combined with any other topic from “First Language Acquisition”

General:

Matthews, D., & Krajewski, G. (2019). First language acquisition. In E. Dabrowska & D. Divjak (Eds.), *Handbook of Cognitive Linguistics* (pp. 389–409). de Gruyter.

Tomasello, M. (2009). [The usage-based theory of language acquisition](#). In E. Bavin & L. Naigles (Eds.), *The Cambridge handbook of child language*, (pp. 69–88). Cambridge University Press.

Focus:

Brooks, P. J., & Kempe, V. (2012). *Language development*. BPS Blackwell.

→ Chp. 5: How do children learn to combine and modify words?, pp. 89–115.

Clark, E. (2016). *Language acquisition, 3rd edition*. Cambridge University Press.

→ Chp. 9: Combining clauses, pp. 229–253.

Diessel, H. (2013). First language acquisition. In T. Hoffmann & G. Trousdale (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Construction Grammar* (pp. 346–364). Oxford University Press.

Ibbotson, P. (2013). The scope of usage-based theory. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 4, 255.

[doi:10.3389/fpsyg.2013.00255](https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2013.00255).

Tomasello, M. (2003). *Constructing a language*. Harvard University Press.

→ Chp. 4: Early syntactic constructions, pp. 94–143.

First Language Acquisition: Input and Interaction (Köylü)

Note: Cannot be combined with any other topic from “First Language Acquisition”

General:

Matthews, D., & Krajewski, G. (2019). First language acquisition. In E. Dabrowska & D. Divjak (Eds.), *Handbook of Cognitive Linguistics* (pp. 389–409). de Gruyter.

Tomasello, M. (2009). The usage-based theory of language acquisition. In E. Bavin & L. Naigles (Eds.), *The Cambridge handbook of child language*, (pp. 69–88). Cambridge University Press.

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/books/cambridge-handbook-of-child-language/usagebased-theory-of-language-acquisition/30A7D7DA467B600B632871678783A596>

Focus:

Brooks, P. J., & Kempe, V. (2012). *Language development*. BPS Blackwell.

→ Chp. 6: What kind of language do children encounter?, pp. 117–140.

Clark, Eve V. (2020). Conversational Repair and the Acquisition of Language. *Discourse Processes*, 57(5–6), 441–459. [doi:10.1080/0163853x.2020.1719795](https://doi.org/10.1080/0163853x.2020.1719795)

Golinkoff, R. M., Hoff, E., Rowe, M. L., Tamis-LeMonda, C. S., & Hirsh-Pasek, K. (2019). Language Matters: Denying the Existence of the 30-Million-Word Gap Has Serious Consequences. *Child Development*, 90(3), 985–992. [doi:10.1111/cdev.13128](https://doi.org/10.1111/cdev.13128)

Huttenlocher, J., Vasilyeva, M., Cymerman, E., & Levine, S. (2002). Language input and child syntax. *Cognitive Psychology*, 45, 337–374.

Rowe, Meredith L., & Snow, Catherine E. (2019). Analyzing input quality along three dimensions: interactive, linguistic, and conceptual. *Journal of Child Language*, 47(1), 5–21. [doi:10.1017/S0305000919000655](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0305000919000655)

First Language Acquisition: Word Learning: Inferring the Meaning of Words (Köylü)

Note: Cannot be combined with any other topic from “First Language Acquisition”

General:

Matthews, D., & Krajewski, G. (2019). First language acquisition. In E. Dabrowska & D. Divjak (Eds.), *Handbook of Cognitive Linguistics* (pp. 389–409). de Gruyter.

Tomasello, M. (2009). [The usage-based theory of language acquisition](#). In E. Bavin & L. Naigles (Eds.). *The Cambridge handbook of child language*, (pp. 69–88). Cambridge University Press.

Focus:

Childers, Jane B, Bottera, Angeline, & Howard, Tyler. (2018). Verbs: Learning how speakers use words to refer to actions. In Gert Westerman & Nivedita Mani (Eds.), *Early Word Learning* (pp. 70-82). Routledge.

Graham, Susan A., San Juan, Valerie, & Vukatana, Ena. (2015). The acquisition of words. In Edith L. Bavin & Letitia R. Naigles (Eds.), *The Cambridge Handbook of Child Language*, 2nd edition, (pp. 369–387). Cambridge University Press.

Hollich, G. J., Hirsh-Pasek, K., & Golinkoff, R. M. (2000). *Breaking the language barrier: An emergentist coalition model of word learning*. *Monographs of the Society for Research in Child Development*, 65(3), 1–29.

Horst, Jessica. (2018). Mapping words to objects. In Gert Westerman & Nivedita Mani (Eds.), *Early Word Learning* (pp. 44–56). Routledge.

Tomasello, M. (2000). The social-pragmatic theory of word learning. *Pragmatics*, 10(4), 401–413.

Tomasello, M. (2003). *Constructing a language*. Harvard University Press.

→ Chp. 3: Words, pp. 42–93.

Historical linguistics: English vocabulary (Locher)

Note: Cannot be combined with any other topic from “Historical linguistics”

Barber, C. (2009). *The English language: A historical introduction*, 2nd edition. Cambridge University Press.

Graddol, D., Leith, D., Swann, J., Rhys. M., & Gillen, J. (Eds.) (2007). *Changing English*. The Open University.

Minkova, D., & Stockwell, R. (2006). English words. In B. Aarts & A. McMahon (Eds.), *The handbook of English linguistics* (pp. 460–482). Blackwell Publishing.

Historical linguistics: The spread of English (Locher)

Note: Cannot be combined with any other topic from "Historical linguistics"

Barber, C. (2009). *The English language: A historical introduction*, 2nd edition. Cambridge University Press.

Graddol, D., Leith, D., Swann, J., Rhys. M., & Gillen, J. (Eds.) (2007). *Changing English*. The Open University.

Jenkins, J. (2015). *Global Englishes: A resource book for students*. (3rd edition). Routledge.

→ Introduction: key topics in global Englishes, pp. 1–56;

→ Development: implications and issues, pp. 56–110.

Linguistic Relativity: Categorization Across Languages (Köylü)

Note: Cannot be combined with any other topic from "Linguistic Relativity"

General:

Blasi, D. E., Henrich, J., Adamou, E., Kemmerer, D., & Majid, A. (2022). Over-reliance on English hinders cognitive science. *TRENDS in Cognitive Sciences*, 26(12), 1153–1170.

<https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tics.2022.09.015>

Levinson, S. C. (2003). Language and mind: Let's get the issues straight. In D. Gentner & S. Goldin-Meadow (Eds.), *Language in mind: Advances in the study of language and cognition* (pp. 25–46). MIT Press.

Slobin, D. I. (1996). From "thought and language" to "thinking for speaking". In J. J. Gumperz & S. C. Levinson (Eds.), *Rethinking linguistic relativity* (pp. 70–96). Cambridge University Press.

Wolff, P., & Holmes, K. J. (2011). Linguistic relativity. *Wiley Interdisciplinary Reviews: Cognitive Science*, 2(3), 253–265. [doi:10.1002/wcs.104](https://doi.org/10.1002/wcs.104).

Focus:

Huisman, John L. A., van Hout, Roeland, & Majid, Asifa. (2021). Patterns of semantic variation differ across body parts: evidence from the Japonic languages. *Cognitive Linguistics*, 32(3), 455–486. doi:10.1515/cog-2020-0079\$

Majid, A., Bowerman, M., Staden, M. V., & Boster, J. S. (2007). The semantic categories of cutting and breaking events: A crosslinguistic perspective. *Cognitive Linguistics*, 18(2), 133–152.

Majid, A., Roberts, S. G., Cilissen, L., Emmorey, K., Nicodemus, B., O'Grady, L., Levinson, S. C. (2018). Differential coding of perception in the world's languages. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*, 115(45), 11369–11376. doi:10.1073/pnas.1720419115

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6233065/>

Sinha, C. (2021). Culture in language and cognition. In X. Wen & J. R. Taylor (Eds.), *The Routledge handbook of cognitive linguistics* (pp. 387–407). Routledge.

Linguistic Relativity: Motion Across Languages (Köylü)

Note: Cannot be combined with any other topic from "Linguistic Relativity"

General:

Blasi, D. E., Henrich, J., Adamou, E., Kemmerer, D., & Majid, A. (2022). Over-reliance on English hinders cognitive science. *TRENDS in Cognitive Sciences*, 26(12), 1153–1170.

<https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tics.2022.09.015>

Levinson, S. C. (2003). Language and mind: Let's get the issues straight. In D. Gentner & S. Goldin-Meadow (Eds.), *Language in mind: Advances in the study of language and cognition* (pp. 25–46). MIT Press.

Slobin, D. I. (1996). From "thought and language" to "thinking for speaking". In J. J. Gumperz & S. C. Levinson (Eds.), *Rethinking linguistic relativity* (pp. 70–96). Cambridge University Press.

Wolff, P., & Holmes, K. J. (2011). Linguistic relativity. *Wiley Interdisciplinary Reviews: Cognitive Science*, 2(3), 253–265. [doi:10.1002/wcs.104](https://doi.org/10.1002/wcs.104).

Focus:

Feinmann, D. (2020). Language and Thought in the Motion Domain: Methodological Considerations and New Empirical Evidence. *Journal of Psycholinguistic Research*, 49(1), 1–29. [doi:10.1007/s10936-019-09668-5](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10936-019-09668-5)

Slobin, Dan I., Ibarretxe-Antuñano, Iraide, Kopecka, Anetta, & Majid, Asifa. (2014). Manners of human gait: a crosslinguistic event-naming study. *Cognitive Linguistics*, 25(4), 701–741. [doi:10.1515/cog-2014-0061](https://doi.org/10.1515/cog-2014-0061)

Filipović, L., & Ibarretxe-Antuñano, I. (2019). Motion. In E. Dąbrowska & D. Divjak (Eds.), *Cognitive Linguistics – Key Topics* (pp. 87–108). Walter de Gruyter.

Pragmatics of Fiction: Character Creation (Locher)

Note: Cannot be combined with any topic from "Pragmatics of Fiction", nor with "Pragmatics: Narratives" nor "Digital Discourses: Online narratives"

Culpeper, J., & Fernandez-Quintanilla, C. (2017). Fictional characterisation. In M. A. Locher & A. H. Jucker (Eds.), *Pragmatics of Fiction* (pp. 93–128). de Gruyter Mouton.

Culpeper, Jonathan. (2001). *Language and Characterisation: People in Plays and other Texts*. Longman.

Locher, M.A. and Jucker, A.H. (2021). *The Pragmatics of Fiction. Literature, Stage and Screen Discourse*. Edinburgh University Press.

→ Chps. 6 and 8

Pragmatics of Fiction: Humour (Locher, Willenberg)

Note: Cannot be combined with any topic from "Pragmatics of Fiction"

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Note: Cannot be combined with any topic from “Pragmatics of Fiction”

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Pragmatics: Language and Identity (Locher, Willenberg)

Note: Cannot be combined with "Pragmatics: Language and gender"

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Note: Cannot be combined with any other topic from "Psycholinguistics"

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Psycholinguistics: Language Production (Köylü)

Note: Cannot be combined with any other topic from "Psycholinguistics"

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Note: Cannot be combined with any other topic from “Second Language Acquisition”

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Second Language Acquisition: Learner Characteristics and Individual Differences (Köylü)

Note: Cannot be combined with any other topic from “Second Language Acquisition”

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Note: Cannot be combined with any other topic from “Sociolinguistics”

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Note: Cannot be combined with any other topic from "Sociolinguistics"

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