

# Understanding Language

## (Semester 1)

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### Key readings (10 items)

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**Working with texts: a core introduction to language analysis** - Carter, Ronald, Beard, Adrian, 2008

[Book](#) | Recommended

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**Working with texts: a core introduction to language analysis** - Ronald Carter, 2001

[Book](#) | Recommended | E-book of the 2nd edition of the above text (no e-book of the 3rd edition is available).

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**The teacher's guide to grammar** - Cameron, Deborah, 2007

[Book](#) | Recommended

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**Registers** - Deborah Cameron

[Chapter](#) | Recommended | This is a scan of Chp 9 Registers - it looks briefly at the difference between speech and writing and then applies this to the register of advertising.

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**Introducing English language: a resource book for students** - Mullany, Louise, Stockwell, Peter, 2010

[Book](#) | Recommended |

This is a good overview book that covers a number of areas on the module. It is divided into a number of sections: A for the basic review of theory - a section B which gives examples, further study of this area of theory - section C which takes it down into a more detailed area and then section D which gives a key reading in the area (so A1 links to B1, C1, D1 etc)

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**Discourse in English language education** - John Flowerdew, 2013

[Book](#) | Recommended | This is a book designed for Teachers of English as a second language (TESOL) but crucially covers some of the key areas we look at esp Chp 2 on Systemic Functional grammar, Chp 3 on Cohesion, Chp 8 on Genre and Chp 9 on Corpus linguistics.

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**The Routledge companion to English language studies** - Janet Maybin, Joan Swann, 2009

[Book](#) | Recommended

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**Discourse analysis: an introduction** - Brian Paltridge, 2012

**Book** | **Recommended** | This is a similar book to the Flowerdew (2013) - this module looks at 'texts' and how they work in specific contexts - and that generally goes by the name 'Discourse analysis'

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**The language of everyday life: an introduction** - Judy Delin, 2000

**Book** | **Essential** | An excellent look at a range of different Registers

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## Reading list (45 items)

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**An introduction to the nature and functions of language** - Howard Jackson, Peter Stockwell, ©2011

**Book** | **Recommended**

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**Linguistics: an introduction to language and communication** - Adrian Akmajian, 2010

**Book** | **Optional**

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**Using corpora in discourse analysis** - Paul Baker, 2006

**Book** | **Optional**

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**The language of politics** - Beard, Adrian, 2000

**Book** | **Recommended**

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**News discourse** - Monika Bednarek, Helen Caple, 2013

**Book** | **Optional**

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**Longman grammar of spoken and written English** - Biber, Douglas, 1999

**Book** | **Optional**

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**Longman student grammar of spoken and written English** - Biber, Douglas, Conrad, Susan, Leech, Geoffrey N., 2002

**Book** | **Optional**

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**Introducing language in use: a coursebook** - Bloomer, Aileen, Griffiths, Patrick, Merrison, Andrew John, 2005

**Book** | **Recommended**

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**Working with spoken discourse** - Cameron, Deborah, 2001

**Book** | **Recommended**

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**Working with texts: a core introduction to language analysis** - Carter, Ronald, Beard, Adrian, 2008

**Book** | **Recommended**

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**Exploring English grammar: from formal to functional** - Caroline Coffin, Jim Donohue, Sarah North, 2009

**Book** | **Recommended**

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**The discourse of advertising** - Guy Cook, 2001

**Book** | **Recommended**

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**The discourse of advertising** - Guy Cook, 1992

[Book](#) | Recommended

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**The Cambridge encyclopedia of the English language** - David Crystal, 2019

[Book](#) | Optional

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**Pragmatics and discourse: a resource book for students** - Joan Cutting, 2002

[Book](#) | Recommended

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**An introduction to systemic functional linguistics** - Eggins, Suzanne, 2004

[Book](#) | Optional

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**Redesigning English** - Graddol, David, Goodman, Sharon, Lillis, Theresa M., 2007

[Book](#) | Optional

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**The Oxford handbook of the word** - 2015

[Book](#) | Recommended

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**Describing language** - Graddol, David, Swann, J., Cheshire, Jenny, 1994

[Book](#) | Recommended

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**The language of advertising: written texts** - Goddard, Angela, 2002

[Book](#) | Recommended

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**An introduction to English grammar** - Sidney Greenbaum, Gerald Nelson, 2013

[Book](#) | Optional

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**Cohesion in English** - M. A. K. Halliday, Ruqaiya Hasan, 2013

[Book](#) | Optional

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**Cohesion in English** - Halliday, M. A. K., Hasan, Ruqaiya, 1976

[Book](#) | Optional

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**Halliday's introduction to functional grammar** - M. A. K. Halliday, Christian M. I. M. Matthiessen, 2014

[Book](#) | Optional

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**Lexical priming: a new theory of words and language** - Michael Hoey, 2005

[Book](#) | Recommended | 6 copies in the library - one chapter scanned as PDF on Moodle.  
This is a key bit of theory to consider for assignment one.

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**Lexical priming: a new theory of words and language** - Michael Hoey, 2005

[Book](#) | Recommended

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**The discourse reader** - 2014

[Book](#) | Optional

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**An introduction to the nature and functions of language** - Howard Jackson, Peter Stockwell, c2011

[Book](#) | Recommended

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**Language and politics** - Joseph, John Earl, c2006

[Book](#) | Recommended

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**Metaphors we live by** - Lakoff, George, Johnson, Mark, 2003

[Book](#) | Recommended

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**Metaphors we live by** - Lakoff, George, Johnson, Mark, 1980

[Book](#) | Recommended

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**Discourse of blogs and wikis** - Greg Myers, ©2010

[Book](#) | Recommended

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**Grammar for English language teachers** - Martin Parrott, 2010

[Book](#) | Recommended

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**The language of newspapers** - Reah, Danuta, 2002

[Book](#) | Recommended

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**Trust the text: language, corpus and discourse** - John McHardy Sinclair, Ronald Carter, 2004

[Book](#) | Recommended | Key for assignment one - see PDF file in Moodle of key chapter on collocation

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**From corpus to classroom: language use and language teaching** - Anne O'Keeffe, Michael McCarthy, Ronald Carter, 2007

[Book](#) | Recommended

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**The Oxford handbook of the word** - 2015

[Book](#) | Recommended | This is a reference book and is available in the Harcourt Hill library.

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**The mental corpus: how language is represented in the mind** - John R. Taylor, 2014

[Book](#) | Recommended

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[Book](#) | Recommended

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**Corpus linguistics for ELT: research and practice** - Ivor Timmis, 2015

[Book](#) | Optional

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**Formulaic Language and the Lexicon** - Alison Wray, 2002

[Book](#) | Optional

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**Formulaic language and the lexicon** - Wray, Alison, 2002

[Book](#) | Optional

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**The study of language** - George Yule, 2017

[Book](#) | Optional

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**The study of language** - George Yule, 2010

[Book](#) | Optional

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Discourse and digital practices: doing discourse analysis in the digital age - 2015

Book | Optional

## Journals (1 items)

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**Applied linguistics** - American Association for Applied Linguistics, British Association for Applied Linguistics

Journal | Optional