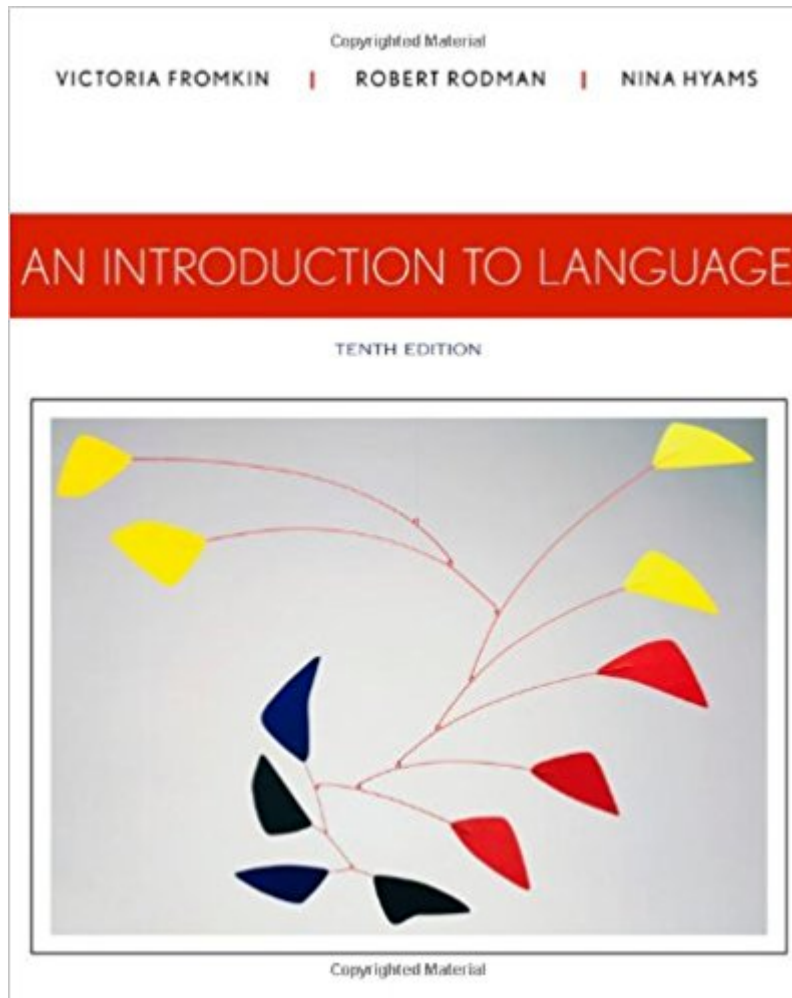


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This book is great that it gives you lots of information. But for people like me who have not focused on "grammar" in a long time it is EXTREMELY hard to read and get through. (And I am reading this book for the second linguistics class I have taken!). They assume that you know a lot of linguistics and grammar terminology - which is a very bad assumption - because if you don't know what the terms mean or haven't studied grammar in a long time you will be totally lost. However, other parts are extremely easy to read and get through, plus they use a lot of examples and illustrations to show you what they are discussing, which is very helpful. Some of the terms that should be defined are defined long after they have been introduced - so maybe it is just poorly organized? If you can get a "cheat sheet" on linguistic and grammar terms before reading it will be very helpful to you. I unfortunately didn't have a choice since the book was required for class.

My current text for Introductory Linguistics at the UMN would be incomprehensible without reading

this first. Many of the examples in that text appear to have been lifted from this classic. Even though Victoria Fromkin has been dead for ?20? years.

This book is easy to read and understandable. Great for linguistics! You may need to read a few times to get the full effect.

Had to read for a master's class. However, was presently surprised at the ease of reading this particular book. There are many parts of language that can be confusing, but this author explains language elements in easy to understand writing. I would not recommend this book for the lay person; however, it is a great resource for those who are interested in the make up of languages.

I needed this book for class, so that is the only reason I got it, but the authors are really witty and makes this a fun textbook. "Textbook" and "fun" are not usually in the same sentence, but they make good jokes and puns - which makes this class less tiresome.

I know this is not for question, but as a reader and student who study English linguistics with this book, I'd like to know whether anyone knows the answer of all exercises in this book. I searched and googled it for a while, but nothing came out of the web.

The book was in horrible condition when I received it. Pages were folded, crinkled and the back cover is being held on by 2 small sloppy pieces of decorative tape. This book needs to be taken out of circulation.

This book is not worth more than \$150. It is clean, easy to understand, but nothing significantly more intelligible than one could find on wikipedia entries... let alone a college text. Returning the book back to trade-in got me \$117 back... so at least that makes me happy. :)

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