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Introduction

This book has been penned with the intention of giving the interested reader an idea of what a language is and what it involves. The style is quite user friendly and does not require a strong background. The book is useful for introductory courses in general linguistics. It can also be used to get prepared for masters exam in applied linguistics, translation studies and general linguistics.

The book comes in thirteen chapters each of which deals with one pressing issue in language.

The prime focus is on the English language. But other languages are also dealt with like Turkish and Chinese. Sometimes references have also been to Persian. Some Persian examples have been brought to help elucidate the points under discussion. Comments of all sorts may be addressed to me at: m-salehi@sharif.ir

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