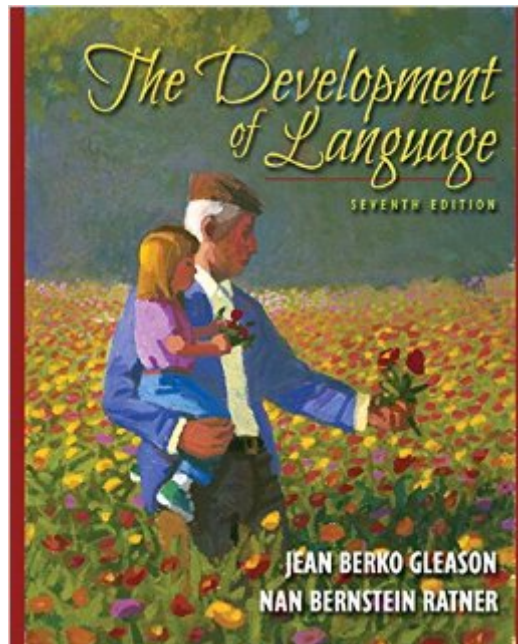


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# The Development Of Language (7th Edition)



## Synopsis

The seventh edition of *The Development of Language*, written and contributed by leading researchers, covers language acquisition and development from infancy through adulthood. This authoritative text is ideal for courses that take a developmental approach to language acquisition across the full life span, from infancy through the aging process. The text thoroughly explores syntax, morphology, semantics, phonology, and pragmatics. It examines atypical development with attention to the most common disorders affecting language acquisition, presents strong coverage of individual differences in language acquisition and learning, describes how and why they occur, and provides contemporary references and the most recent research findings. The panel of expert authors provides students with cutting-edge research knowledge in an interesting and highly readable format. The goal is the best and most up-to-date information for the student, with guides for further exploration of topics of interest. The emphasis on change over the life span is even more important to students from all fields, since it reinforces current developments in cognitive neuroscience that indicate language, once acquired, is not static, but rather, undergoes constant neural reorganization.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF WHAT'S NEW IN THE SEVENTH EDITION:**

Updated chapter on atypical language development (Chapter 9) contains new information about cochlear implants, current research on the autism spectrum disorders, new therapeutic approaches to atypical language, with an emphasis on Specific Language Impairment, and evaluation of recent claims regarding the etiology of atypicality. Therapeutic recommendations are presented within the context of Evidence-based Practice (EBP).

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## Customer Reviews

Jean Berko Gleasn is a leader in the fields of psychology and linguistics. This book is a comprehensive introduction to language acquisition. It is easy to follow, yet thorough.

It's interesting how different readers can experience a book in such very different ways. Unlike the reviewer who faults the organization of this text, I found the mix of "voices" in the book to be refreshing. While there is perhaps some overlapping of ideas, ultimately the approach creates opportunities for discussion and encourages further thinking about the topics addressed. I recommend this for students (or anyone interested in language development) who want a varied approach to the subject as discussed by some of the leading thinkers in the field.

I bought this for a Language Development class. Concepts are fascinating and the case studies are good, but the way it is presented is highly unappealing. I fell asleep every time I tried to start reading the chapters and eventually relied on class notes for the midterms and finals.

This book is very dense with a lot of information, but the material is really interesting. They have a lot of well-educated, high level authors, including authors from Harvard University, and it explains the subject very well.

Gleason's book is great because it offers works from other authors, so that you can gain the perspective of other experts in the field. This book really helped me understand the development of language. The book was particularly useful for me, because I am studying to be a School Psychologist.

I did not enjoy reading this book. It contained a lot information as it pertains to theory but when it came to actual application of language development knowledge, I referred to another book which I had on hand.

I appreciate Gleason's addition of multi-authors (for each chapter), specializing in sub-specialties. I am learning alot!

Extremely boring read. Too heavy on informational content and lacking in easy-reading stories and examples. The combination of paper type and font is extremely harsh on the eye when reading for long period of time.

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