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PREFACE

This new edition of *A Student's Dictionary of Psychology* adopts a slightly different format and extended content, but it continues to be an 'explaining' dictionary, rather than a set of simple one-line definitions. Our hope is that if you follow up all the references and cross-references relating to your topic, it should give you a reasonably full overview of the subject; and in that sense we have often referred to it as a kind of random-access textbook, as well as a dictionary of the main terms in psychology.

Since our view is that most people who use it in this way will be doing so because they are writing some kind of essay or assignment, we have included some useful tips on how to write an essay, which can be found towards the end of the book. Essays are one of the more common forms of assignment in psychology, but you will find that the tips are just as relevant if you are trying to put together an introduction or discussion for a research project.

This new edition includes increased coverage of psycho-neurology, social, clinical and cognitive psychology and research methodology, as well as several other terms which have come into common usage in recent years. We have also included a list of common abbreviations, and expanded our coverage of significant figures in the history of psychology. At the end of the dictionary you will also find a list of classic references referred to in the dictionary, or works by significant figures writing in this field.

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