

Fundamental Concepts in Applied Linguistics: A Reference Book

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Preface

Following the rapid advancement of technologies, ongoing expansion of cyberspace, and globalization, English has become the lingua franca of the time. In this regard, Applied Linguistics seems to take the responsibility to promote and improve the teaching and learning of English, identifying and solving problems related to it. As the literature of Applied Linguistics shows, it has three generations:

1. Employing ideas from linguistics;
2. Taking an interdisciplinary orientation to language teaching and learning;
3. Focusing on the qualities of life along with improving language proficiency.

The book *Fundamental Concepts in Applied Linguistics: A Reference Book* has been designed to present all issues pertinent to these generations of Applied Linguistics and to assist researchers, teachers, teacher trainers, and students as they are involved in dealing with issues related to English language teaching and learning. The book is intended to provide contrasting as well as supporting views and theories from fields of sociology, psychology, neurology, linguistics, philosophy, biology, physics, and mathematics inter alia, which can more or less contribute to the better understanding of the interdisciplinary field of Applied Linguistics. In sum, this book has the following features:

- Covering the most essential terms;
- Giving the interface for each pair of the terms;
- Presenting the references in the order of saliency;
- Presenting the terms in a dichotomic way;
- Providing a full-blown index list for ease of access;
- Providing a section of suggested readings for further studies;

- Providing the relevant references in a box below each term;
- Searching in an easy and quick way.

It is our hope that the book *Fundamental Concepts in Applied Linguistics: A Reference Book* can help all interested in Applied Linguistics to employ it effectively, paving the way for more research in the domain of language education.

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