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Preface

第二版前言

本书的第一版由对外经济贸易大学出版社 2007 年出版后，承蒙同行和广大读者的厚爱、鼓励 and 大力支持，在此表示感谢。

鉴于有关学术研究的迅速不断的发展，又鉴于第一版中存在的问题较多，深感有必要及时修订和改进以不辜负大家的厚爱，编者对本书的第二版作了如下几点更改：

1. 学生的学习动力和兴趣大小是教学成败的重要因素，因此，为了使语言学课更容易让学生接受，能让他们认识到其巨大使用价值，第二版教材改为三个部分组成。第一部分介绍语言的性质和功能及语言学的研究内容。第二部分把原来的第 6，7，8，9 各章改为第 2，3，4，5 章，把原来的第 2，3，4，5 各章改为第 6，7，8，9 章组成第三部分。

2. 在保持原书四个特点的基础上，为了进一步提高其学术性，

第一章增加了《功能派语言研究》一节；

第二章（原第七章）增加了《两种主要文化类型比较》一节；

第五章（原第九章）增加了《语言教学法回顾》一节；

第六章（原第二章）增加了《语义的变迁》、《汉语中的歧义》两节，取消《词句语义的分析》一节；

第七章（原第三章）增加了《习语和搭配》、《忌讳和委婉词》、《汉语中的外来语》三节，取消《语义的变迁》，附加了《汉语的构词法》；

附录部分增加了《本课程简介》（汉语）；

同时，各章节也添加了不少文字，部分语言学术语加了汉译。

3. 为了及时盘练和巩固教学内容，除各章末的练习之外，在各章节中增加了一些小练习，以便及时巩固掌握所学内容并加大了实践性。

4. 为了使积极参与课堂教学，把原有的各章末复习题改成了讨论题。

5. 各章末和全书后的参考书目统一采用 APA（American Psychological Association）格式。

本书的第二版是在第一版使用五年过程中加以修改和补充的，仍然会有不足之处，恳请各方读者不吝赐教。

杨潮光

2012 年 2 月

Preface

第一版前言

本书采用功能派语言学的观点编写，与迄今为止国内已出版的各类语言学导论教材相比，具有如下鲜明特点：

一、本书着重从语言的社会功能出发，书中的第一部分在揭示了语言性质和功能之后，首先讨论语义学的基本内容，即人们是如何通过语言来交流信息，表达思想的；然后讨论词法学、词汇学及句法学，即如何用词汇和句子来表达不同的语义；最后讨论语音学和音位学，即如何利用言语的语音和音位系统来传递语义。

二、本书的第二部分揭示了语言与思维、现实，语言与文化、社会、个人的密切关系，意在引导学员宏观地认识语言，深入地理解语言学的理论价值和实用价值。

三、本书的最后几章探讨语言与商业、语言与政治的密切关系，并讨论语言学对外语“教”与“学”的启迪，重点介绍功派语言教学的一些观点。

四、本书力求深入浅出，在介绍相关理论的同时，使用大量生动典型的语言实例，以期达到学术性和实用性的完美结合。本书还为各章节配有复习题和笔头作业题，并列出所推荐的参考书目。

本书既可作为英语专业本科高年级学生的教材，英语专业一年级硕士研究生语言学课程的参考教材，也可作为各类人员的自学用书。

本书是编者从事语言学教学近三十年来的经验总结。这种在语言各层次的教学，从语义系统出发，再进入词汇语法系统，然后步入语音系统的教学法，曾受到已故著名英语教育专家许国璋教授的高度评价。在多年来的教学实践中，这一教法屡获学员们的欢迎，他们以极大的兴趣投入学习，不再感到语言学深奥难懂，枯燥乏味，并深刻体认到语言学的奠基作用和应用价值。

“把语言学变成人人爱学的课程”，这是本书编者的宿愿。

书中如有不当之处，恳请各方读者不吝赐教。

杨潮光

2007年5月10日

Language is not an abstract construction of the learned, or of dictionary makers, but is something arising out of the work, needs, ties, joys, affections, tastes of long generations of humanity, and has its bases, broad and low, close to the ground.

Walt Whitman

Language comes to life only when it is put to use. It is functional by nature, in origin and orientation.

MAK Halliday

Linguistics is a brilliant and fascinating exploration of the basic weapon by which man has advanced from savagery to civilization

Mario Pei

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Part *One*

Language and Linguistics

Any study of language usually begins with a question of the nature and function of human language. Chapter 1 discusses the following questions: What is language? What is it that makes human language different from animal communication systems? How can we define human language? What is the function of language? What is linguistics? What does the linguist do? Then some basic concepts in linguistics are introduced.



1.1. Nature and Properties of Human Language

Lead-in Question:

1. What do you know about language? Can you define human language?
2. There are some communication systems in which the “signs” unambiguously reveal their “meaning”.
 - A. Describe (or draw) five different signs that directly show what they mean.
 - B. Describe some other communication systems that, like language, consist of arbitrary symbols.

As language majors, we should first of all understand what it is that we are studying. Without a good understanding of the nature and properties of language we are learning, it is impossible for us to have a correct and proper approach to the task of learning, let alone learning to speak and write in it effectively and efficiently. So let's begin with this issue.