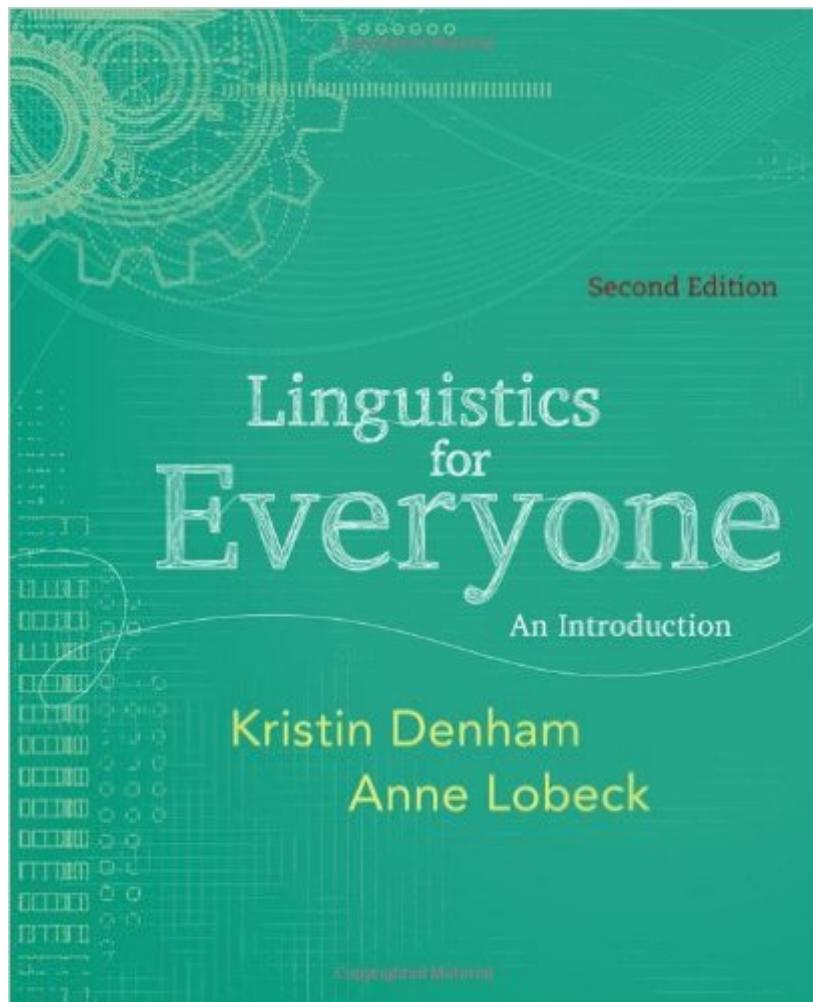


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# Linguistics For Everyone: An Introduction



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## **Customer Reviews**

Broad coverage of an eclectic field, with more than enough depth to serve as a go-to reference. Organized as a textbook but I found it useful and informative outside of a classroom setting.

Good introductory book. haha after I took a class where we went through this book, I transferred to another school and changed my major to linguistics. Not all the book, meaning my awesome professor had something to do with it but it did help catch my interest.

Text could have been written to make the reading and definitions easier to read. Chapters are too long and wordy and retrieving information for tests, etc. takes too much time because of how it is

laid out.

I find this book to be a comprehensive overview for the beginning linguistic student. That being said, I found many spelling errors and a few errors regarding the languages used. I speak Japanese and French so I noticed errors regarding a vulgar French phrase ("You're breaking my balls" - "Se casser les couilles"). The book didn't have this as a reflexive. Also, there was an error regarding counting in Japanese. These are small errors but take away from the book and, for me, detract from its legitimacy. I feel like an editor should catch these small things. That being said, I did find that it had accurate information regarding the evolution of the English language and accurate information about phonetics. All in all, the book could have been better organized and have been edited by someone who pays attention to detail.

This book is a 95% plagiarism of *An Introduction to Language* by Victoria Fromkin and Robert Rodman, which I had read long ago. When I had to buy this book for class, I was shocked that the content and organization was exactly the same as the other book. I don't understand how this can be legal!

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Enjoyed the class, happy I passed.

Very helpful for my class.

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