

Background texts on Linguistics

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The reading list below will help you prepare for the written entrance examination for the Mphil/PhD programme in Linguistics at The Chinese University of Hong Kong. The examination tests your understanding of basic linguistic concepts and your ability in analyzing linguistic data. The recommended texts give you an idea about the linguistics concepts we expect applicants to have at least some familiarity with. The list is not intended to be exhaustive. Nor are you expected to have a thorough or comprehensive knowledge of the content of the texts.

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Ladefoged, P. 2005. *A Course in Phonetics*. Fifth edition. Boston: Heinle & Heinle.

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Tallerman, M. 1998. *Understanding Syntax*. London: Arnold.

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White, Lydia. 2003. *Second Language Acquisition and Universal Grammar*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

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