

Lexical meaning / M. Lynne Murphy

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Abstrak

The ideal introduction for students of semantics, *Lexical Meaning* fills the gap left by more general semantics textbooks, providing the teacher and the student with insights into word meaning beyond the traditional overviews of lexical relations. The book explores the relationship between word meanings and syntax and semantics more generally. It provides a balanced overview of major theoretical approaches, along with a lucid explanation of their relative strengths and weaknesses. After covering the main topics in lexical meaning, such as polysemy and sense relations, the textbook surveys the types of meanings represented by different word classes. It explains abstract concepts in clear language, using a wide range of examples, and includes linguistic puzzles in each chapter to encourage the student to practice using the concepts. “Adopt-a-word” exercises give students the chance to research a particular word, building a portfolio of specialist work on a single word.