

Discourse Analysis: An Introduction. 244 pages. A&C Black, 2006. Brian Paltridge.

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This book is an introduction to one approach to discourse analysis, that is, to the analysis of language as it is used to enact activities, perspectives, and identities. Introduction 5. There are many different approaches to discourse, none of them, including this one, uniquely 'right'. Different approaches often fit different issues and questions better or worse than others. Furthermore, the approach to discourse analysis in this book is not 'mine'. No set of research tools and no theory belongs to a single person, no matter how much academic style and our own egos sometimes force (or tempt) us to write that way. I have freely begged, borrowed, and patched together. Discourse Analysis: An Introduction is a comprehensive, accessible introduction to discourse analysis. In a series of nine chapters the book examines different approaches to discourse, looking at discourse and society, discourse and pragmatics, discourse and genre, discourse and conversation, discourse grammar, corpus-based approaches to discourse and critical discourse analysis. The final chapter presents a practical approach to doing discourse analysis. The book includes the following features: Chapter summaries outlining the key areas covered. Examples drawn from films, television, newspaper Like Gee's Toolkit for discourse analysis, this book is an excellent introduction to this approach to qualitative research. The book succinctly delves into the key elements and theory of the subject, and does so in a way that is very engaging for readers. Read more. One person found this helpful. Verified Purchase. A well written book. Has helped me greatly in my assignment for a Discourse Analysis course. Read more. Helpful. Discourse Analysis An Introduction 2nd edition. A companion website to accompany this book is available online at: <http://linguistics.paltridge2e.continuumbooks.com> Please type in the URL above and receive your unique password for access to the book's online resources. If you experience any problems accessing the resources, please contact Bloomsbury at: info@continuumbooks.com. Discourse Analysis An Introduction 2nd edition. Brian Paltridge. London: New Delhi New York Sydney. One approach to discourse analysis is thus emphasizing organization and mapping, the other emphasizing social relationships and interaction. Here, however, lies the paradox in our account: the organizational and the interactive (the structural and the procedural) each implies the other and cannot easily be abstracted from each other in any effective study of the discourse process, and for two reasons. Firstly, following studies in conversational analysis (amply documented by Malcolm Coulthard in Chapter 4), discourses 'place' provides an orientation for participants in their evaluatio