

An Introduction to English Sociolinguistics

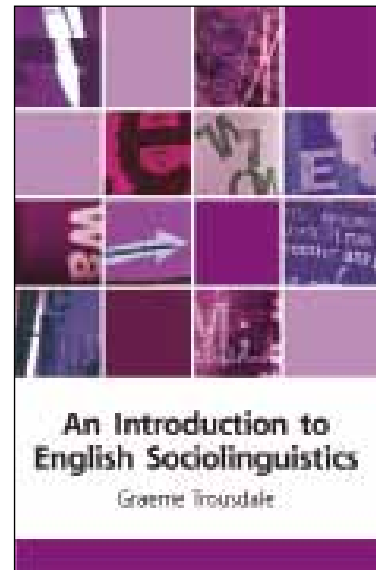
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A textbook introduction to a range of sociolinguistic theories

Description

This textbook provides an introduction to a range of sociolinguistic theories and the insights they provide for a greater understanding of varieties of English, past and present.

Drawing on both qualitative and quantitative approaches to sociolinguistic variation, the book provides a systematic overview of topics such as the following:

- 'English' as a social and as a linguistic concept
- The relationship between regional and social dialectology, and their application to the study of English
- English historical sociolinguistics, from Old English to late Modern English
- Sociolinguistics and ongoing change in English
- Englishes as contact varieties
- English as an official language
- English, sociolinguistics and linguistic theory.

The book contains data drawn from studies of English as it is spoken around the world. Throughout, there is an emphasis on facilitating a deeper understanding of linguistic variation in English and the social, political and cultural contexts in which speakers and writers of English operate.

Key Features

- Contains exercises so that students can put the theory into practice
- Includes recommendations for further reading and a glossary

Selling Points

- An important volume in our successful ETOTEL series
- Carefully pitched for beginning undergraduate students

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Readership

Undergraduate students of English Language and Linguistics, taking courses in social variation and sociolinguistics.

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