

Language and Cognition

An interdisciplinary journal of language and cognitive science

Language and Cognition is a venue for the publication of high-quality empirical research focusing on the interface between language and cognition. It is open to research from the full range of subject disciplines, theoretical backgrounds, and analytical frameworks that populate linguistics and the cognitive sciences. We aim to cover a wide range of interdisciplinary research focused on presenting novel empirical data that addresses theoretical issues surrounding the language system, including psycholinguistics more broadly.

In addition to the traditional areas of cognitive linguistics (e.g., construction grammar, metaphor theory, linguistic relativity), we especially welcome research which considers theoretical linguistic questions within a broader cognitive context; for example, sentence processing studies which present time-sensitive evidence for grammatical or conceptual representations, or research looking at first or second language acquisition as it relates to other cognitive systems. We also strongly encourage submissions investigating iconicity, multimodality, signed languages, gesture, or language evolution.

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- (1) Adam burns the candle.

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- (2) wati-ngki nga-rnu kuyu.

man-ERG eat-PAST meat

'The man ate some meat.'

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