

Mother Tongue The English Language

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International Handbook of English Language Teaching Jim Cummins, Chris Davison, 2007-12-31 This two-volume handbook provides a comprehensive examination of policy, practice, research, and theory related to English language teaching (ELT) in international contexts. Nearly 70 chapters highlight the research foundation for the best practices, frameworks for policy decisions, and areas of consensus and controversy in the teaching and development of English as a second and/or additional language for kindergarten through to adult speakers of languages other than English. In doing so it problematizes traditional dichotomies and challenges the very terms that provide the traditional foundations of the field. A wide range of terms has been used to refer to the key players involved in the teaching and learning of the English language and to the enterprise of English language teaching as a whole. At various times and in different contexts, the following labels

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Mother Tongues and Nations Thomas Paul Bonfiglio, 2010 This monograph examines the ideological legacy of the metaphors, mother tongue and native speaker, by historicizing their linguistic development. Early nation states constructed the ideology of ethnolinguistic nationalism, a composite of national language, identity, geography, and race that generated the philologies of (early) modernity and their genetic and arboreal families of languages. Enracination of language persists today. Scholarly recognition of the biological metaphors that racialize language will help to combat continued ethnolinguistic discrimination.

Quicklet on Bill Bryson's The Mother Tongue - English And How It Got That Way Devon Smith, 2012-02-24
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Teaching (ISELT). This event consistently invites reputed speakers and having competence in English Language Teaching from around the world.

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Teaching and Learning the English Language Richard Badger, 2018-02-22 Teaching and Learning the English Language is a practical guide for anyone seeking to improve their teaching, whether through formal study or on their own. Richard Badger explores teaching English as a problem-solving activity in which teachers must address three fundamental questions: · what aspect of language do students need to learn; · how might they learn this particular aspect of language; · and how can teachers support their learning. Offering a solid, research-based approach along with sound practical advice, this book equips teachers with skills needed to analyse their own contexts and develop their practice. It covers: · Fundamentals of English language · Psychological and social learning processes · TESOL teaching methods and approaches · Lesson planning and classroom management · Language evaluation and assessment · Teaching pronunciation, spelling, grammar, vocabulary and discourse · Teaching listening, reading, writing and speaking · English teacher professional development Pedagogical features include chapter summaries, activities for students and key readings recommendations, and the book is also supported by online resources: video case studies, additional exercises and multiple choice quizzes. Including numerous international lesson examples and case studies, Teaching and Learning English Language is suitable for

both trainee and practising teachers who speak English as a first, second or foreign language.

The Value of the Learner's Mother Tongue (L1) in English Language Learning Sumaira Mohammad,2022

Summary of Bill Bryson's The Mother Tongue Everest Media,2022-05-26T22:59:00Z Please note: This is a companion version & not the original book. Sample Book Insights: #1 The English language is full of traps for the unwary foreigner. Any language where the unassuming word fly signifies an annoying insect, a means of travel, and a critical part of a gentleman's apparel is asking to be mangled. #2 The world is expropriating words and phrases at a rapid rate, and English has become the most global of languages. For non-English speakers, English has become the common tongue. #3 The English language has a rich vocabulary that allows speakers to distinguish between different shades of meaning. Other languages, however, have words that allow them to differentiate between things that leak into and things that leak out of something. #4 English has a reputation for being an extremely flexible language. It is able to extract maximum work from a word by making it do double duty as both a noun and a verb.

The Mother Tongue; Book One Sarah Louise Arnold,George Lyman Kittredge,Sheila Thibodeau Lambrinos Collection - York University,1900

English Language Teaching In IndiaProblems And Issues Qaiser Zoha Alam,1998 The Book Introduces Some Of The Major Areas That Students And Teachers Of English In India Should Understand In Order To Follow A Scientific Approach. The Suggestions Made In The Studies And The Pedagogical Implications Should Be Of Much Help To Them. The Book Covers Many Topics That Find Place In The Syllabi Of Universities. The Author Has Discussed, In Particular, Some Important Aspects Of Indian English.The Materials In This Field Are Often Presented In A Form And Language Highly Specialised. The Present Book, However, Is A Collection Of Simplistic Studies And, As A Book Of This Kind Is Difficult To Find, It Is Useful In Its Own Way.

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