# Language Comprehensive Examination Reading List

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## Required Readings for All Candidates

<u>Primary Sources</u>
Austin, J.L. (1961) "Performative Utterances" [M&S, E&S, S]
Carston, R. (1988) "Implicature, Explicature and Truth-Theoretic Semantics" [E&S]
Chomsky, N. (1988) "Language and Problems of Knowledge" [M&S]
Davidson, D. (1967) "Truth and Meaning" [M&S, S]
Davidson, D. (1978) "What Metaphors Mean" [E&S, S]
Davidson, D. (1986) "A Nice Derangement of Epitaphs" [M&S]
Donnellan, K. (1966) "Reference and Definite Descriptions" [M&S, E&S, S]
Dummett, M. (1975) "What Is A Theory of Meaning?" [M&S]
Evans, G. (1973) "The Causal Theory of Names" [M&S]
Frege, G. (1892) "On Sense and Reference" [M&S, S]
Frege, G. (1918) "The Thought: A Logical Inquiry" [M&S]
Grice, H.P. (1957) "Meaning" [M&S, S]
Grice, H.P. (1975) "Logic and Conversation" [M&S, E&S, S]
Hempel, C.G. (1950) "Empiricist Criteria of Meaning" [M&S]
Kaplan, D. (1977/1989) "Demonstratives" [M&S, E&S]
Kripke, S. (1972/1980) *Naming and Necessity*. Harvard University Press.
Kripke, S. (1977) "Speaker's Reference and Semantic Reference" [M&S, E&S]
Kripke, S. (1979) "A Puzzle about Belief" [M&S]
Kripke, S. (1982) *Wittgenstein on Rules and Private Language.* Harvard University Press.
Lewis, D. (1975) "Languages and Language" [M&S]
Lewis, D. (1979) "Scorekeeping in a Language Game" [E&S]
Perry, J. (1979) "The Problem of the Essential Indexical" [M&S]
Putnam, H. (1973) "Meaning and Reference" [M&S]
Quine, W.V.O. (1951) "Two Dogmas of Empiricism" [M&S, S]
Russell, B. "On Denoting" (1905) [M&S]
Russell, B. "Descriptions" (1919) [M&S, S]
Russell, B. "Mr. Strawson on Referring" [M&S]
Salmon, N. (1986) "Frege's Puzzle" [M&S]
Saul, J. (1997) "Substitution and Simple Sentences" [E&S]
Searle, J.R. (1958) "Proper Names" [M&S]
Searle, J.R. (1969) "The Structure of Illocutionary Acts" [M&S]
Sperber, D. and D. Wilson (1987) "Précis of Relevance" [E&S]
Stalnaker, R. (1978) "Assertion" [M&S, E&S]
Strawson, P.F. (1950) "On Referring" [M&S, E&S, S]
Tarski, A. (1944) "The Semantic Conception of Truth and the Foundations of Semantics" [M&S]
Wearing, C. (2006) "Metaphor and What Is Said" [E&S]
Wittgenstein, L. (1953) *Philosophical Investigations*, Sections 1-315. Blackwell.

<u>Secondary Sources</u> (at least one)
Lycan, W. (2018) *Philosophy of Language: A Contemporary Introduction*
Savage, H. *et al*. (2020) *The Meaning of Language*
Stainton, R. (1996) *Philosophical Perspectives on Language*
Szabo, Z. & R. Thomason (2018) *Philosophy of Language*

**Additional Readings (depending on sub-specialization)**
Austin, J.L. (1962) *How to Do Things with Words*
Bach, K. (1994) "Conversational Impliciture"
Bach, K. and R. Harnish (1979) *Linguistic Communication and Speech Acts*
Borg, E. (2007) "Minimalism versus Contextualism in Semantics" [E&S]
Cappelen, H. & E. Lepore (2005) *Insensitive Semantics*
Crimmins, M. & J. Perry (1989) "The Prince and the Phone Booth: Reporting Puzzling Beliefs" [M&S]
Davidson, D. (1967) "The Logical Form of Action Sentences". Reprinted in his *Essays on Actions and Events*. Oxford University Press, pp. 105-147.
Davidson, D. (1968) "On Saying That" [M&S]
Evans, G. (1983) *The Varieties of Reference*
Graff-Fara, D. (2000) "Shifting Sands" [M&S]
Grice, H.P. & P.F. Strawson (1956) "In Defense of a Dogma" [M&S]
Kaplan, D. (1968) "Quantifying In"
Kaplan, D. (1970) "Dthat"
Larson, R. & P. Ludlow (1993) "Interpreted Logical Forms"
Marcus, R. (1975) "Does the Principle of Substitutivity Rest on a Mistake?" In A. Anderson *et al.* (eds.) *The Logical Enterprise*. Yale University Press, pp. 31-38.
Millikan, R. (1990) "Truth Rules, Hoverflies, and the Kripke-Wittgenstein Paradox". *Philosophical Review* 99(3): 323-353.
Putnam, H. (1975) "The Meaning of Meaning". Reprinted in his *Mind, Language and Reality*. Cambridge University Press, pp. 215-271.
Raffman, D. (1994) "Vagueness without Paradox" [M&S]
Quine, W.V.O. (1956) "Quantifiers and Propositional Attitudes" [M&S]
Quine, W.V.O. (1960) *Word and Object*
Searle, J.R. (1975) "Indirect Speech Acts" [M&S]
Searle, J.R. (1987) "Indeterminacy, Empiricism, and the First Person" [M&S]
Stampe, D. (1977) "Towards a Causal Theory of Linguistic Representation"
Stanley, J. (2000) "Context and Logical Form" [E&S]
Wittgenstein, L. (1922) *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*

**E&S** = Ezcurdia, M. & R.J. Stainton (eds.) (2013). *The Semantics-Pragmatics Boundary in Philosophy*. Peterborough, ON: Broadview Press.
**M&S** = Martinich, A.P. & D. Sosa (eds.) (2012). *The Philosophy of Language*. Sixth Edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
**S** = Stainton, R.J. (ed.)(2000) *Perspectives in the Philosophy of Language*. Peterborough, ON: Broadview Press.