

Psychology of Language – Essay information

Basic information

To receive a P grade, your essay must:

- be written in English
- be 1500 to 2000 words long without bibliography (in APA standard)
- be understandable and clearly structured
- deal with the given question in the field of psycholinguistics
- use empirical studies for argumentation
- cite and synthesize scientific sources, including primary studies
- critically reflect on the current state of knowledge in the field

Your main task in the essay is to answer the given question, which will relate to a certain scientific controversy or area of study. You should argue based on empirical studies and their results. This task is focused on own understanding of empirical literature, its synthesis and criticism. You should briefly describe the studies and explain how they support your argument.

Write the essay in an academic style and strive for as much clarity, comprehensibility, and accuracy as much as possible. Your essay should have a clear introduction, main section, and conclusion. I recommend using a lot of examples as they help the reader in understanding. Everything you write should be relevant to the question you are answering.

You can find the assigned questions along with a list of recommended literature in the interactive syllabus. Essays will be submitted anonymously (write only your UČO in the document) in .docx format on the IS.

Discussion of the essays in the last block

I will send you back the corrected essays before our last class. During the class, we will then delve more deeply into the topics you have written about and make arguments based on your work. If your essay does not meet the required standard, you will have the opportunity to revise it once more.

What to avoid

- Essays are not a subjective genre, just focus on the given question. Do not write, for example:
 - "I chose this topic because my cousin is bilingual."
- Expressing your own opinion is fine, but it must be supported by science. Do not write, for example:
 - "I met two Vietnamese girls at school who said they had no problem remembering words from their native language."
- Your job is not to write everything you know about the topic, but to use your knowledge to answer the question. If a particular study or topic does not apply to a question, it is irrelevant.