

ESSAYS IN LINGUISTICS. By Joseph H. Greenberg. Viking
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An excellent collection of essays with fresh treatments of old problems as well as interesting presentations of new ones. The volume might well serve as a refresher in linguistics for those in the other social sciences whose exposure to linguistics antedates the present decade. Biologists will be especially interested in Greenberg's view of "Language as a Sign System" and in the chapter "Language and Evolutionary Theory." The author has made excellent use of some of the newer topics in mathematical logic that are just coming into their own in the social sciences in general and in linguistics in particular. In short, this is an elegant and sophisticated survey of linguistic theory.

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