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Review

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"In this revised and updated edition of his classic text, Wardhaugh brings us a smartly revitalized presentation, including up to the minute, current advances in sociolinguistics. While *An Introduction to Sociolinguistics* retains its comprehensive coverage and accessible style, it also presents students with a contemporary text that is sure to spark interest in the discipline."

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"Wardhaugh has long provided teachers and introductory students with a clear yet challenging introductory textbook that is prized by all who value broad understanding of the full scope of sociolinguistic study. This latest edition once again ensures that readers are up-to-date in even the most rapidly advancing areas of research, including language and identity and language and gender. In addition, it offers enhanced reader engagement through the inclusion of thought-provoking questions and hands-on exercises generously distributed throughout each chapter. Wardhaugh has long been a staple in my introductory sociolinguistics classes, and the text is now even more indispensible than ever."

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From the Back Cover

Ronald Wardhaugh's *An Introduction to Sociolinguistics* has been a cornerstone of courses in the field for over two decades, maintaining its popularity by combining clear and accessible coverage of a wide range of issues with useful student study features. This comprehensive sixth edition retains these strengths, but has also been updated throughout to reflect developments in the field. New chapter-by-chapter "explorations" sections have been added which encourage students to actively engage with the issues in sociolinguistics.

The sixth edition includes greater focus on ideas of identity, solidarity, and markedness, while the features that have made this work a classic – the balanced coverage of issues ranging from language dialects and variation, code-switching, bilingualism, and speech communities, to ethnographies, gender, and disadvantage – have been updated to reflect the latest research. Accessible and engaging, this is an ideal introduction for both undergraduates and graduate students with little or no background in sociolinguistics.

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