

PSYb2861 Psychology of Language

**Main discussion questions**

Available as essay questions

- 1) What does a psycholinguist study and how can they do it?
- 2) Do we need to invoke innate knowledge to explain how language is acquired?
- 3) Is word learning an incremental process?
- 4) Is the spread of activation in language production always unidirectional?
- 5) What can we learn from syntactic priming experiments?
- 6) How incremental is language production?
- 7) Is language comprehension a modular system of the mind?
- 8) What can we learn from retrieval effects in comprehension?
- 9) "Speakers routinely pre-activate lexical items in comprehension." Discuss.
- 10) What does focus contribute to an evolving model of discourse?
- 11) What are scalar implicatures and how do we process them?
- 12) Is the evidence in favour of the bilingual advantage convincing?