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Changing Language Teaching Through Language Testing

Washback refers to the influence of language testing on teaching and learning. This volume, at the important intersection of language testing and teaching practices, presents theoretical, methodological, and practical guidance for current and future washback studies. In the field of language testing, researchers' major interest has traditionally been focused on issues and solving problems inherent in tests in order to increase their reliability and validity. However, the washback effect goes well beyond the test itself to include factors, such as curriculum, teacher and learner behaviors inside and outside the classroom, their perceptions of the test, and how test scores are used. Only recently have researchers started to empirically investigate the phenomenon of washback. This volume of such research serves two essential purposes by: *providing an overview of the complexity of washback and the various contextual factors entangled within testing, teaching, and learning; and *presenting empirical studies from around the world that offer insights into the effects of washback in specific educational contexts and models of research on which future studies can be based. The extensive use of test scores for various educational and social purposes in society nowadays makes the washback effect a high-interest phenomenon in the day-to-day educational activities of teachers, researchers, program coordinators/directors, policymakers, and others in the field of education. Washback in Language Testing: Research Contexts and Methods is a valuable resource for those who are interested in the application of findings to actual teaching and learning situations or conduct washback research in their own contexts, including educational and psychological testing experts, as well as alternative assessment people in all fields, and for policy- and decision-makers in educational and testing organizations.

Immigrant Student Achievement and Education Policy

This volume reports research that informs the development of reading and listening assessment in IELTS. This volume brings together a set of eight IELTS-related research studies - four on reading and four on listening - conducted between 2005 and 2010. Findings from these studies provide valuable evidence on the validity, reliability, impact and practicality of the IELTS test; they are also instrumental in highlighting aspects needing attention, and thus directly inform the continuing evolution of the IELTS reading and listening tests. The volume reviews and comments on the specific contribution of each study to the ongoing process of IELTS reading and listening test design and development.

CELPIP Study Guide

The sixth volume in the Global Research on Teaching and Learning English series offers up-to-date research on the rapidly changing field of language assessment. The book features original research with chapters reporting on a variety of international education settings from a range of diverse perspectives. Covering a broad range of key topics—including scoring processes, test development, and student and teacher perspectives—contributors offer a comprehensive overview of the landscape of language assessment and discuss the consequences and impact for learners, teachers, learning programs, and society. Focusing on the assessment of language proficiency, this volume provides an original compendium of cutting-edge research that will benefit TESOL and TEFL students, language assessment scholars, and language teachers.

Global Perspectives on Recognising Non-formal and Informal Learning

Leading colleges, universities, and government agencies in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa recognize IELTS as fulfilling English competency requirements for ESL students. This new manual with audio CDs presents six full-length IELTS practice exams with answers and explanations. The compact discs provide audio for all six of the tests' listening and reading modules. Test takers can use these exams as solid preparation for the actual IELTS. They can also use this book as a supplement to the recently published Barron's IELTS (978-0-7641-9662-1), which contains extensive practice and review for all test sections plus additional practice exams.

Transforming Nursing Education

Competencies At Work will equip readers to understand, build, and implement competency models as a foundational and integrating element in talent management systems. Readers will understand how competency models have evolved to be the current best practice in defining criteria for all talent management applications such as selection interviews, promotion panels, assessment centers, job descriptions, and learning objectives. Specific guidance is provided in the steps needed to establish a sustainable model, with research results on universal competencies contained in most contemporary models. Also

discussed are the challenges and issues in building and implementing models, such as the need for proof of efficiency and effectiveness, that is, reliable measures of competence and proof of validity. Competency models will be placed in the greater context of the complete talent management system needed to effectively recruit, select, orient, train, appraise, reward, motivate, and promote high-performing employees. The most popular competency applications of interviewing, assessment centers, survey-guided development, job modeling, and training criteria are specifically explored and explained. Finally, recent case studies bring competencies to life in real organizational settings. Questions for reflection will help readers review and summarize important content in each chapter.

Language Testing Reconsidered

Celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the Newbery Honor-winning survival novel *Hatchet* with a pocket-sized edition perfect for travelers to take along on their own adventures. This special anniversary edition includes a new introduction and commentary by author Gary Paulsen, pen-and-ink illustrations by Drew Willis, and a water resistant cover. *Hatchet* has also been nominated as one of America's best-loved novels by PBS's *The Great American Read*. Thirteen-year-old Brian Robeson, haunted by his secret knowledge of his mother's infidelity, is traveling by single-engine plane to visit his father for the first time since the divorce. When the plane crashes, killing the pilot, the sole survivor is Brian. He is alone in the Canadian wilderness with nothing but his clothing, a tattered windbreaker, and the hatchet his mother had given him as a present. At first consumed by despair and self-pity, Brian slowly learns survival skills—how to make a shelter for himself, how to hunt and fish and forage for food, how to make a fire—and even finds the courage to start over from scratch when a tornado ravages his campsite. When Brian is finally rescued after fifty-four days in the wild, he emerges from his ordeal with new patience and maturity, and a greater understanding of himself and his parents.

Cambridge Preparation for the TOEFL® Test Book with CD-ROM and Audio CDs Pack

Speaking is a central yet complex area of language acquisition. The assessment of this crucial skill is equally complex because of its interactive nature. This book takes teachers and language testers through the research on the assessment of speaking as well as through current tests of speaking. The book then guides language testers through the stages of test tasks, rating practices and design.

Competencies at Work

IELTS Practice Tests Plus 2

Miller Test Prep's study guide for the ACCUPLACER is the solution for students who want to maximize their score and minimize study time. Our study guides are carefully designed to provide only that clear and concise information you need. That's precisely why we put "Clear & Concise" on our cover. The standard for the study guide industry is to "throw in the kitchen sink" when it comes to making a

book, meaning you are stuck with hundreds of pages of repetitive information, redundant and confusing examples, and more practice questions than any person could be expected to work through. This results in students feeling overwhelmed, leading to reduced self-confidence, which leads to lower scores! Instead, Miller Test Prep has worked specifically with tutors. Why tutors you ask? Tutors specialize in helping students comprehend information that has already been presented by a teacher. That means they see time and again what students struggle with and what actually works to help them. They specialize in helping students who have previously failed, to succeed. We compiled their decades of experience helping students just like you into this study guide, so you pass the first time! In this ACCUPLACER book, we ensure you are thoroughly prepared for this critically important test: Comprehensive review of all ACCUPLACER exam sections: Reading Comprehension Sentence Skills Write Placer Mathematics Step-by-step examples for every concept tested Practice test questions like the real exam Detailed, thorough answer key explanations 6 complete essay examples with scoring explanations

The CAEL Assessment

From #1 New York Times bestselling author Brandon Sanderson, *Words of Radiance*, Book Two of the *Stormlight Archive*, continues the immersive fantasy epic that *The Way of Kings* began. Expected by his enemies to die the miserable death of a military slave, Kaladin survived to be given command of the royal bodyguards, a controversial first for a low-status "darkeyes." Now he must protect the king and Dalinar from every common peril as well as the distinctly uncommon threat of the Assassin, all while secretly struggling to master remarkable new powers that are somehow linked to his honorspren, Syl. The Assassin, Szeth, is active again, murdering rulers all over the world of Roshar, using his baffling powers to thwart every bodyguard and elude all pursuers. Among his prime targets is Highprince Dalinar, widely considered the power behind the Alethi throne. His leading role in the war would seem reason enough, but the Assassin's master has much deeper motives. Brilliant but troubled Shallan strives along a parallel path. Despite being broken in ways she refuses to acknowledge, she bears a terrible burden: to somehow prevent the return of the legendary Voidbringers and the civilization-ending Desolation that will follow. The secrets she needs can be found at the Shattered Plains, but just arriving there proves more difficult than she could have imagined. Meanwhile, at the heart of the Shattered Plains, the Parshendi are making an epochal decision. Hard pressed by years of Alethi attacks, their numbers ever shrinking, they are convinced by their war leader, Eshonai, to risk everything on a desperate gamble with the very supernatural forces they once fled. The possible consequences for Parshendi and humans alike, indeed, for Roshar itself, are as dangerous as they are incalculable. Other Tor books by Brandon Sanderson *The Cosmere* *The Stormlight Archive* *The Way of Kings* *Words of Radiance* *Edgedancer* (Novella) *Oathbringer* *The Mistborn* trilogy *Mistborn: The Final Empire* *The Well of Ascension* *The Hero of Ages* *Mistborn: The Wax and Wayne* series *Alloy of Law* *Shadows of Self* *Bands of Mourning* *Collection Arcanum Unbounded* Other *Cosmere* novels *Elantris* *Warbreaker* *The Alcatraz vs. the Evil Librarians* series *Alcatraz vs. the Evil Librarians* *The Scrivener's Bones* *The Knights of Crystallia* *The Shattered Lens* *The Dark Talent* *The Rithmatist* series *The Rithmatist* Other books by Brandon Sanderson *The Reckoners* *Steelheart* *Firefight*

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Using Test Data in Clinical Practice

English Language Assessment and the Chinese Learner

Material presented in many testing textbooks is appropriately broad and comprehensive, but the effect for students new to testing is difficulty in then translating the extensive information into the practical skills of administering, scoring, and interpreting tests to help inform the treatment process. Few resources exist to help students and mental health clinicians with the daunting task of learning how to synthesize test data from numerous instruments into a meaningful treatment plan and strategy for a client. This book was written to address that need. It provides readers with clear and detailed step-by-step procedures for using the WAIS-III, MMPI 2, MMPI A, Kuder Occupational Interest Survey, and the Strong Interest Inventory. It features case examples and practice opportunities in test usage, detailed discussion of approaches to client feedback and report writing, and a review of ethical and legal considerations in using tests in clinical settings. It takes readers through a systematic explanation of how to understand and integrate data from multiple sources to maximize the information gleaned from the tests. It also emphasizes using test data to maximize helpfulness to the client and how to interpret test data to clients in language that is understandable.

Washback in Language Testing

Talking and Testing

Language Testing Reconsidered provides a critical update on major issues that have engaged the field of language testing since its inception. Anyone who is working in, studying or teaching language testing should have a copy of this book. The information, discussions, and reflections offered within the volume address major developments within the field over the past decades, enlivened by current "takes" on these issues. The real value of this collection, however, lies in its consideration of the past as a means of defining the future agenda of language testing.

Barron's IELTS Practice Exams with Audio CDs

This book describes the process of language test construction and reviews current practice.

The Qualified Student

"Through case studies, practical examples and in-depth analysis of successful programs, this book provides a roadmap for creating a more welcoming environment for minority students and faculty, revamping traditional teaching

methods to accommodate diverse learning styles, developing and teaching a culturally competent nursing curriculum, and removing cultural and linguistic barriers to success. This landmark book is an invaluable resource and absolutely essential reading." --Minority Nurse Magazine " Readers will learn more about how to create a dynamic, inclusive and challenging learning environment that remains true to the purpose of graduating highly qualified nurses to meet the need of a diverse multiracial, multicultural, multilingual society." --Gloria Smith, RN, MPH, PhD, FAAN, FRCN Boshier and Pharris's provocative and timely volume addresses the critical need for nursing educational systems to graduate more culturally diverse nurses. This vital resource will help nursing educators critique and redesign their curricular, pedagogical, and structural systems to address this need for cultural inclusion within nursing education. Highlights of this book: Addresses barriers to success for nursing students from culturally diverse backgrounds in the U.S., U.K., Canada, Australia, and New Zealand Features pedagogical strategies to help linguistically diverse students succeed in clinical settings Provides assessment practices that eliminate cultural and linguistic biases Presents initiatives for developing the leadership skills of culturally diverse students Contains detailed case studies of multicultural nurses and students Includes recommendations and questions for dialogue at the end of each chapter With this book, educators and administrators can begin to forge through the obstacles institutionalized in their nursing educational systems, and ultimately, see a more culturally inclusive educational environment.

Assessing Speaking

This book helps readers apply testing and measurement theories. Featuring 22 self-standing modules, instructors can pick and choose the ones that are most appropriate for their course. Each module features an overview of a measurement issue and a step-by-step application of that theory. Best practices provide recommendations for ensuring the appropriate application of the theory. Practical questions help students assess their understanding of the topic while the examples allow them to apply the material using real data. Two cases in each module depict typical dilemmas faced when applying measurement theory followed by Questions to Ponder to encourage critical examination of the issues noted in the cases. Each module contains exercises some of which require no computer access while others involve the use of SPSS to solve the problem. The book's website houses the accompanying data sets and more. The book also features suggested readings, a glossary of the key terms, and a continuing exercise that incorporates many of the steps in the development of a measure of typical performance. Updated throughout to reflect recent changes in the field, the new edition also features: --A new co-author, Michael Zickar, who updated the advanced topics and added the new module on generalizability theory (Module 22). -Expanded coverage of reliability (Modules 5 & 6) and exploratory and confirmatory factor analysis (Modules 18 & 19) to help readers interpret results presented in journal articles. -Expanded Web Resources, Instructors will now find: suggested answers to the book's questions and exercises; detailed worked solutions to the exercises; and PowerPoint slides. Students and instructors can access the SPSS data sets; additional exercises; the glossary; and website references that are helpful in understanding psychometric concepts. Part 1 provides an introduction to measurement theory and specs for scaling and testing and a review of statistics.

Part 2 then progresses through practical issues related to text reliability, validation, meta-analysis and bias. Part 3 reviews practical issues related to text construction such as the development of measures of maximal performance, CTT item analysis, test scoring, developing measures of typical performance, and issues related to response styles and guessing. The book concludes with advanced topics such as multiple regression, exploratory and confirmatory factor analysis, item response theory (IRT), IRT applications including computer adaptive testing and differential item functioning, and generalizability theory. Ideal as a text for any psychometrics, testing and measurement, or multivariate statistics course taught in psychology, education, marketing and management, professional researchers in need of a quick refresher on applying measurement theory will also find this an invaluable reference.

Language Test Construction and Evaluation

"The Cambridge Guide to Second Language Assessment aims to present in one volume an up-to-date guide to the central areas of assessing the second language performance of English by speakers of other languages. This volume provides snapshots of significant issues and trends that have shaped language assessment in the past and highlights the current state of our understanding of these issues"--

Internationale Bibliographie der Rezensionen wissenschaftlicher Literatur

Words of Radiance

Despite persistent assertions of washback (the influence of testing on teaching and learning) limited research studies have been undertaken on the subject. Even fewer studies have made use of quantitative and qualitative methods to examine washback. This book, at the intersection of language testing and teaching practices/programs, investigates the impact of the introduction of the 1996 Hong Kong Certificate of Education in English, a high-stakes public examination, on classroom teaching and learning in Hong Kong secondary schools. The washback effect was observed initially at the macro level, including different parties within the Hong Kong educational context, and subsequently at the micro level, in terms of the classroom, including aspects of teachers' attitudes, teaching content and classroom interactions. Further, the book offers insights into the concept that a test can be used as a change agent to encourage innovation in the classroom.

CELPIP Study Guide

Examination stress and test anxiety are pervasive problems in modern society. As the information age continues to evolve, test scores will become even more important than they are today in evaluating applicants for demanding jobs and candidates for admission into highly competitive educational programs. Because test anxiety generally causes decrements in performance and undermines academic achievement, the development of effective therapeutic interventions for reducing its adverse effects will continue to be an important priority for counselors,

psychologists, and educators. Alleviating test anxiety will also serve to counteract the diminished access to educational and occupational opportunities that is frequently experienced by test-anxious individuals. As its title promises, this volume provides a state-of-the-art evaluation of the nature, antecedents, correlates, and consequences of examination stress and test anxiety. Professor Zeidner's cogent and comprehensive analysis of the affective, cognitive, somatic, and behavioral manifestations of test anxiety are grounded in the extensive knowledge he has gained from his own research on the assessment and treatment of test anxiety. This work has also benefitted from the author's longstanding and productive collaboration with leading contributors to test anxiety theory and research, and his active participation in national and international conferences devoted to understanding test anxiety, including those convened by the Society for Test Anxiety Research (STAR).

CELPIP Focus

Ielts General Writing

A collection of papers that document various dimensions of the ways in which the language learner and the language proficiency interviewer use language to accomplish oral language assessment tasks.

Aligning Tests with the CEFR

Barron's IELTS Practice Exams

Test Anxiety

The CLB/NCLC success was dependent on many factors—outstanding work by leading Canadian scholars; steady commitment of the government and non-governmental stakeholders at the federal, provincial, and local level; and, last but not least, unconditional commitment and caring on the part of an invested community of practice. Language is the key covers a range of topics: historical and political context that lead to the development of the Canadian standards, their current positioning in global educational markets, as well as their research and teaching cultures. This edited volume provides a comprehensive overview of recent and ongoing projects and of CLB- and NCLC-related materials, tools and resources for teaching and assessment. Finally, it offers a bold outlook, proposing various scenarios to branch out beyond these benchmarks into the domains of higher education, essential skills, literacy, workplace training, as well as international and indigenous languages. The 20th anniversary of the CLB/NCLC provides an opportunity to reflect on the scope and importance of this exceptional Canadian intellectual product.

Common CELPIP Errors

The Cambridge Preparation for the TOEFL Test, Fourth Edition, helps students master the language skills they need to succeed on the TOEFL iBT and communicate effectively in an academic setting. The complete package for self-study includes the student book with hundreds of skill-building exercises, the full audio program on audio CDs for use with the exercises and practice tests in the book, and the CD-ROM with seven practice tests.

The Cambridge Guide to Second Language Assessment

This book examines immigrant student achievement and education policy across a range of Western nations. It is divided into 3 sections: Part 1 introduces the topic of immigrant student achievement and the performance disadvantage that is consistently reported across a range of international jurisdictions. Part 2 then presents national profiles from scholars in ten countries (England, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Finland, Netherlands, Republic of Ireland, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand). These educational jurisdictions were selected because they represent a range of Western nations engaged in large-scale reform efforts geared towards enhancing their immigrant students' achievement. Each of the national profiles provides a brief overview of the evolution of the cultural composition of their respective school-aged student population; explains the trajectory of achievement results in non-immigrant and immigrant student groups in relation to both national and international large-scale assessment measures; and discusses the effectiveness of policy responses that have been adopted to close the achievement gap between non-immigrant and immigrant student populations. It also examines the relationships between education policies and immigrant student achievement and discusses how education policies have evolved across various cultural contexts. In conclusion, Part 3 analyzes cross-cultural approaches designed to address the performance disadvantage of immigrant students and proposes future areas of inquiry stemming from the national profiles. The book offers insights into a diverse cross-section of nations and policy approaches to addressing the performance disadvantage.

Measurement Theory in Action

Do you need a high score in the IELTS writing section (General Training test format)? Would you like to see what a high scoring sample answer look like (written by an IELTS teacher)? Do you want to know the important tips that make high scoring answers? If you're someone who wants to achieve a 7, 8 or 9 for the IELTS writing section, then you're about to see exactly how an IELTS professional writes high scoring answers! "IELTS Academic Writing" provides sample answers that are exactly what the examiners look for. Did you know that many sample IELTS writing answers on the internet today do not match the expectations of an IELTS examiner? So it's important that if you are in the search for model answers then you consider answers that are accurate examples that align with the official IELTS scoring criteria. Imagine being able to understand how high scoring answers are structured for both Task 1 and Task 2? How about learning how grammar and vocabulary are used? You can, just by downloading this book! Inside this book you'll get: - High scoring model answers (for both Task 1 and Task 2) - The IELTS writing question types (clearly explained) - Suggested answer structure (which you can follow and use yourself) - Scoring criteria (how to write your answers to

maximise your score) - Important tips you must know If you're sick of reading different IELTS preparation books, if you're tired of taking the IELTS several times and still not getting the score you want, then you must download this book! It will save you time and you'll quickly understand the differences between low scoring answers and high scoring answers. This book has been put together to guide IELTS students on how to best answer the writing questions. Along with sample answers, which the author has written herself, the book also shares important tips for helping you succeed!

Hatchet

This book deals with the relevance of recognition and validation of non-formal and informal learning education and training, the workplace and society. In an increasing number of countries, it is at the top of the policy and research agenda ranking among the possible ways to redress the glaring lack of relevant academic and vocational qualifications and to promote the development of competences and certification procedures which recognise different types of learning, including formal, non-formal and informal learning. The aim of the book is therefore to present and share experience, expertise and lessons in such a way that enables its effective and immediate use across the full spectrum of country contexts, whether in the developing or developed world. It examines the importance of meeting institutional and political requirements that give genuine value to the recognition of non-formal and informal learning; it shows why recognition is important and clarifies its usefulness and the role it serves in education, working life and voluntary work; it emphasises the importance of the coordination, interests, motivations, trust and acceptance by all stakeholders. The volume is also premised on an understanding of a learning society, in which all social and cultural groups, irrespective of gender, race, social class, ethnicity, mental health difficulties are entitled to quality learning throughout their lives. Overall the thrust is to see the importance of recognising non-formal and informal learning as part of the larger movement for re-directing education and training for change. This change is one that builds on an equitable society and economy and on sustainable development principles and values such as respect for others, respect for difference and diversity, exploration and dialogue.

The CAEL Assessment Test Taker's Preparation Guide

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In *The Qualified Student* Harold S. Wechsler focuses on methods of student selection used by institutions of higher education in the United States. More specifically, he discusses the way that college and university reformers employed those methods to introduce higher education into a broader cross-section of America, by extending access to an increased number of students from nontraditional backgrounds. Implicit in much of this book is an underlying social and ethical question: How legitimate was and is higher education's regulation of social mobility? Public concern over colleges' and universities' practices became inevitable once they became regulators between social classes. The challenging of

colleges' admissions policies in the courts augments similar concerns that have been present in legislatures for decades. The volume is divided into three main sections: Prerequisites, Columbia and the Selective Function, and Implications. It focuses mainly on four universities, The University of Michigan, Columbia University, the University of Chicago, and the City University of New York. Wechsler maintains that unlike other universities, these institutions were pacesetters; they did not adopt a new policy simply because some other college had already adopted it. A new introduction brings the book, originally published in 1977, up to date and demonstrates its continuing importance in today's academic world of selective admissions.

ACCUPLACER Study Guide 2020

International Bibliography of Book Reviews of Scholarly Literature Chiefly in the Fields of Arts and Humanities and the Social Sciences

The Council of Europe released a preliminary version of the Manual for Relating Language Examinations to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) in 2003. Over the next 5 years a wide range of institutions and individuals undertook case studies to pilot this draft version. Towards the close of the piloting phase, a two-day colloquium was held in Cambridge, UK enabling practitioners and academics to reflect on and share their experiences of applying the Manual procedures. Insights from this colloquium informed the Manual revision project during 2008/2009. This volume features selected case studies presented at the Cambridge Colloquium in December 2007. They include the linking of a single test to the CEFR, the CEFR-linking of suites of examinations at different levels and large scale national projects undertaken by examination boards and specialist research institutes. Some studies focus on part of an examination, while others involve all test components. Some apply one or two of the procedures - familiarisation, specification, standardisation, and empirical validation. As well as describing their studies and reporting their findings. contributors reflect and comment on their experience of using the draft Manual. A clear and comprehensive introductory chapter explains the development of the CEFR and the draft Manual for linking tests, and discusses its relevance for the future. The volume will be of interest to examination boards, language test developers and educational policy-makers, as well as academic lecturers, researchers and graduate students interested in the principles and practice of aligning tests to the CEFR.

IELTS Collected Papers 2

This volume describes how ESOL tests and test users have changed greatly in the past few decades. Some widely used ESOL tests have been revised, with a number of new tests incorporating advances in computer technology. In addition, many more ESOL practitioners than in the past are responsible for selecting and using tests. Stephen Stoyhoff and Carol A. Chapelle introduce teachers and administrators to the principles, methods, and vocabulary of language assessment.

Twenty-one reviewers of ESOL tests consider test purpose, methods, and justification of their use in particular situations.

Global Perspectives on Language Assessment

ESOL Tests and Testing

CAEL Skills Workbook provides test takers with activities and exercises to develop their academic English ability and help them achieve the scores they need on the CAEL Test. This comprehensive collection of worksheets is designed to prepare students for each component in CAEL (Speaking, Reading, Listening, and Writing).

CAEL Skills Workbook

Research Methods in Applied Linguistics is designed to be the essential one-volume resource for students. The book includes: * qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods * research techniques and approaches * ethical considerations * sample studies * a glossary of key terms * resources for students As well as covering a range of methodological issues, it looks at numerous areas in depth, including language learning strategies, motivation, teacher beliefs, language and identity, pragmatics, vocabulary, and grammar. Comprehensive and accessible, this is the essential guide to research methods for undergraduate and postgraduate students in applied linguistics and language studies.

Language is the Key

'This volume addresses a very timely and important topic, and provides both broad and in-depth coverage of a number of large-scale English tests in China, including Hong Kong and Taiwan, and about the Chinese learner.' – Lyle F. Bachman, From the Foreword Building on current theoretical and practical frameworks for English language assessment and testing, this book presents a comprehensive, up-to-date, relevant picture of English language assessment for students in China (Mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan) and for Chinese learners of English around the world. Written by well-recognized international scholars in language testing, it covers: the history of tests and testing systems, issues and challenges, and current research in China both test-designers' and test-users' points of view on test development and test validation within a range of political, economical, social, and financial contexts in China theoretical/conceptual perspectives on the use of the English language assessment at different levels, including societal, university, and schools empirical research related specifically to test development, curricular innovation, and test validation Given the long history of objective testing and its extensive use in Chinese society, and considering the sheer number of students taking various tests in English in China and elsewhere, an understanding of the impact of English language testing is essential for anyone involved in testing and assessment issues in China and elsewhere in the world. This is a must-read volume for testing and assessment policy makers, curriculum designers, researchers, ESL/EFL materials writers, graduate students, and English language teachers/researchers at all levels.

Research Methods in Applied Linguistics

This newly updated edition of IELTS Practice Exams with online audio prepares test takers for success on the IELTS, an English competency test that's recognised by more than 9,000 organisations in over 145 countries.

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