

Philosophy of Language Comprehensive Exam Reading List

Almost all of these papers can be found in A. P. Martinich, ed., *The Philosophy of Language* (Oxford University Press).

Frege, Gottlob. "On Sense and Nominatum" (also sometimes translated as "On Sense and Reference")

Russell, Bertrand. "On Denoting" or "Descriptions" (either one; it isn't necessary to read both)

Strawson, P. F. "On Referring"

Grice, H. P. "Meaning"

Tarski, Alfred. "The Semantic Conception of Truth and the Foundations of Semantics"

Hempel, Carl G. "Empiricist Criteria of Cognitive Significance: Problems and Changes"

Quine, W. V. "Two Dogmas of Empiricism"

Searle, John R. "Proper Names"

Kripke, Saul. "Naming and Necessity" (excerpt as published in the Martinich anthology)

Putnam, Hilary. "Meaning and Reference" or "The Meaning of 'Meaning'" (either one; it isn't necessary to read both)

Davidson, Donald. "Truth and Meaning"

Donnellan, Keith. "Reference and Definite Descriptions"

Grice, H. P. "Logic and Conversation"