



Discourse Analysis

How do language users construct and interpret discourse?

CORRECTION

Language users construct and interpret discourse by making sense of it.

To make sense of discourse, language users are required to :

- select those building blocks for the establishment of coherent discourse.
- choose an appropriate socio-cultural context for the discourse to take place in i.e the real world environment which governs language use.
- know that language use involves using language elements to relate discourse to people, objects, acts and states.
- know about those socio-cultural conditions that attend upon different act of communication.
- negotiate meaning to make sense to each other.

A piece of discourse is, then, interpretable with reference to the context and language users' background knowledge and intention according to which it is constructed.