Bilingualism: Language and Cognition

Aims and scope

Bilingualism: Language and Cognition is an international peer-reviewed journal focusing on bilingualism from a cognitive science perspective. The aims of the journal are to promote research on the bilingual person and to encourage debate in the field. The domains covered are the following: bilingual language competence, perception and production, bilingual language acquisition in children and adults, neurolinguistics of bilingualism (in normal and brain-damaged populations), and non-linguistic cognitive processes in bilinguals.

Submission of manuscripts

Manuscripts should be sent either by post or by e-mail to the coordinating editor:

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A submission should consist of an electronic copy of the paper – preferably a PDF file – an optional hard copy sent by post, and a cover letter. The letter should state the type of paper being submitted (see below) as well as its length in words (including footnotes, references, figure captions, etc.). The letter should also include the name, address (mail and email) and telephone number of the author (or corresponding author for joint papers). The policy of the journal is not to have author anonymity at refereeing unless it is requested. Authors who wish to benefit from this measure should request it in their cover letter. Authors of accepted manuscripts will be asked to submit their paper in an electronic version (either DOC or RTF) and an exactly matching hard-copy version.

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Preparation of manuscripts

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FIRST TWO PAGES. The first page should give the title, the name(s) and affiliation(s) of the author(s), the postal and email address of the corresponding author, and a running head. The second page should contain the abstract only.

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Nelson, K. (1996). *Language in cognitive development*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Walter, H. C. (2000). The involvement of working memory in reading in a foreign language. Ph.D. dissertation, University of Cambridge.

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