

Reflection of the language background and proficiency in eye-movements while reading texts in English as second language

This talk will present the Multilingual Eye-Movements Corpus (MECO), a new collection of eye-movements recorded from speakers of 12 languages while reading texts in their L1 and English. The MECO database couples individuals' eye-tracking data with their scores in component skills of English reading. We examine eye-fixation durations and positions in L2 English reading to estimate and disentangle group-level effects of L1 language background and effects stemming from individual differences in English proficiency. Methodological implications for research into L2 reading are discussed along with directions for future research.



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