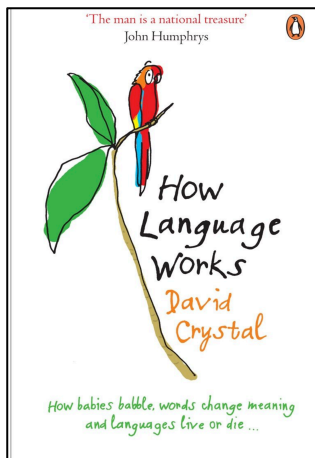
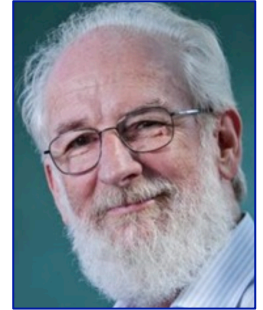


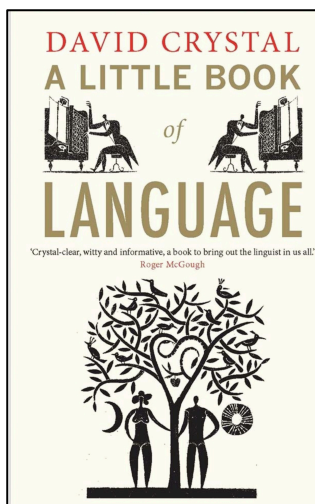
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TWO LANGUAGE REFERENCE BOOKS

The author of the two books shown below is **David Crystal** (image on right) one of the world's most distinguished language specialists. He has written nearly 100 books about language and has published widely on a variety of language topics. The summaries found below make a strong case for teachers to include these language reference books on their professional bookshelves.



In this fascinating survey of everything from how sounds become speech to how names work, David Crystal answers every question you might ever have had about the nuts and bolts of language in his usual highly illuminating way. Along the way we find out about eyebrow flashes, whistling languages, how parents teach their children to speak, how politeness travels across languages and how the way we talk shows not just how old we are but where we're from and even who we want to be.



From the first words of an infant to the peculiar modern dialect of text messaging, **A Little Book of Language** ranges widely, revealing language's myriad intricacies and quirks. In animated fashion, Crystal sheds light on the development of unique linguistic styles, the origins of obscure accents, and the search for the first written word. He discusses the plight of endangered languages, as well as successful cases of linguistic revitalization. Much more than a history, Crystal's work looks forward to the future of language, exploring the effect of technology on our day-to-day reading, writing, and speech.

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