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Peter T. Daniels wrote:

- > Please read Sapir's **Language** (1921; now a Dover reprint!) and Robert
- > A. Hall, Jr.,'s **Linguistics and Your Language** (1951: original title:
- > "Leave Your Language Alone!*). You can't imagine what language study
- > was like 50–100 years ago, when linguistics was a–borning.

i've not read anything from that period yet, so these suggestions are a great help.

- > I see you're in .uk. I don't know what the equivalents were over there
- > back then — possibly J. R. Firth's **Tongues of Men** and **Speech**, which
- > were reprinted together as a little white Oxford paperback; nowadays,
- > just about anything by Jean Aitchison will make it clear.

i'll start with Sapir and see where he leads me.

thank you.

sam

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