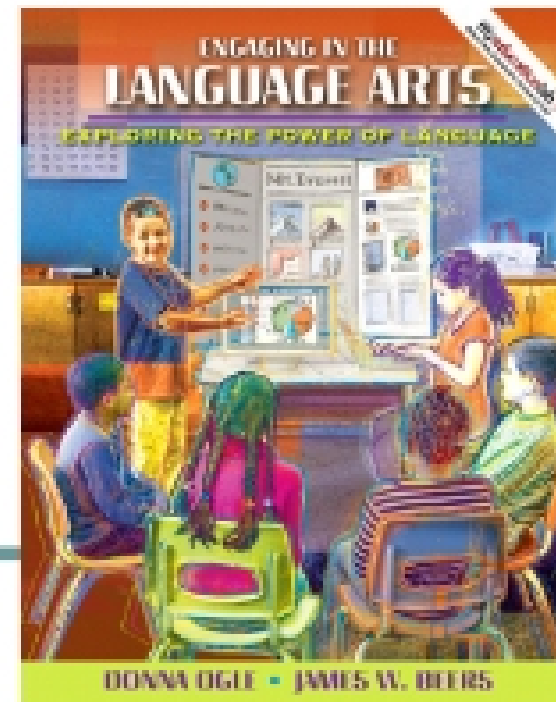


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Chapter 2: Understanding Oral Language Development

What Is Language?

- **Language is a system.**
- **Language includes arbitrary symbols.**
- **Language allows us to classify everything.**
- **Talking and writing are *expressive* modes of language.**
- **Listening and reading are *receptive* modes.**