

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910791935203321
Autore	Baz Avner <1964->
Titolo	When words are called for [[electronic resource]] : a defense of ordinary language philosophy // Avner Baz
Pubbl/distr/stampa	Cambridge, Mass., : Harvard University Press, c2012
ISBN	0-674-06477-1 0-674-06848-3
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (257 p.)
Classificazione	CC 4800
Disciplina	149/.94
Soggetti	Ordinary-language philosophy Language and languages - Philosophy
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
Formato	Materiale a stampa
Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Note generali	Bibliographic Level Mode of Issuance: Monograph
Nota di bibliografia	Includes bibliographical references and index.
Nota di contenuto	Frontmatter -- Contents -- Preface -- Introduction -- Chapter 1. The Basic Conflict - An Initial Characterization -- Chapter 2. The Main Arguments against Ordinary Language Philosophy -- Chapter 3. Must Philosophers Rely on Intuitions? -- Chapter 4. Contextualism and the Burden of Knowledge -- Chapter 5. Contextualism, Anti-Contextualism, and Knowing as Being in a Position to Give Assurance -- Conclusion: Skepticism and the Dialectic of (Semantically Pure) 'Knowledge' -- Epilogue: Ordinary Language Philosophy, Kant, and the Roots of Antinomial Thinking -- References -- Acknowledgments -- Index
Sommario/riassunto	A new form of philosophizing known as ordinary language philosophy took root in England after the Second World War, promising a fresh start and a way out of long-standing dead-end philosophical debates. Pioneered by Wittgenstein, Austin, and others, OLP is now widely rumored, within mainstream analytic philosophy, to have been seriously discredited, and consequently its perspective is ignored. Avner Baz begs to differ. In <i>When Words Are Called For</i> , he shows how the prevailing arguments against OLP collapse under close scrutiny. All of them, he claims, presuppose one version or another of the very conception of word-meaning that OLP calls into question and takes to be responsible for many traditional philosophical difficulties. Worse, analytic philosophy itself has suffered as a result of its failure to take

OLP's perspective seriously. Baz blames a neglect of OLP's insights for seemingly irresolvable disputes over the methodological relevance of "intuitions" in philosophy and for misunderstandings between contextualists and anti-contextualists (or "invariantists") in epistemology. Baz goes on to explore the deep affinities between Kant's work and OLP and suggests ways that OLP could be applied to other philosophically troublesome concepts. *When Words Are Called For* defends OLP not as a doctrine but as a form of practice that might provide a viable alternative to work currently carried out within mainstream analytic philosophy. Accordingly, Baz does not merely argue for OLP but, all the more convincingly, practices it in this eye-opening book.
