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findings from studies involving verbal tasks and think-alouds. The

book begins by presenting the theoretical background and empirical research that has examined the reactivity of think-alouds, then offers guidance regarding the practical issues of data collecti