Record Nr. UNINA9910820210503321 Autore Miller J. E (James Edward), <1942-> Titolo Spontaneous spoken language: syntax and discourse / / Jim Miller and Regina Weinert Pubbl/distr/stampa Oxford, England;; New York:,: Oxford University Press,, 2009 ©1998 **ISBN** 1-282-38380-9 9786612383809 0-19-154382-9 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (482 p.) Disciplina 415 Soggetti Colloquial language Grammar, Comparative and general - Syntax **Psycholinguistics** Sociolinguistics Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Monografia Livello bibliografico Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Contents; Abbreviations; 1 Introduction; 2 Sentences and Clauses; 3 Nota di contenuto Clauses: Type, Combination, and Integration; 4 Noun Phrases: Complexity and Configuration; 5 Focus Constructions; 6 Focus Constructions: Clefts and like; 7 Historical Linguistics and Typology; 8 Written Language, First Language Acquisition, and Education; Epilogue; References; Postscript; Index Sommario/riassunto Jim Miller and Regina Weinert investigate syntactic structure and the organization of discourse in spontaneous spoken language. Using data from English, German, and Russian, they develop a systematic analysis of spoken English and highlight properties that hold across languages. The authors argue that the differences in syntax and the construction of discourse between spontaneous speech and written language bear on various areas of linguistic theory, apart from having obvious implications for syntactic analysis. In particular, they bear on typology,

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