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As the title suggests, this final chapter attempts to place the Workshop on On-Line Methods in Children's Language Processing and the papers in this volume in a historical context. First, there is a brief review of the 40-year history of research in language acquisition, including the late arrival of on-line methodology. Then the chapter emphasizes the questions now being addressed in current on-line research. Finally, the conclusion suggests desiderata with respect to future progress in our understanding of the development of both linguistic competence and linguistic performance.
