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## **The brain, verbs, and the past: Neurolinguistic studies on time reference**

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1. Difficulties in agrammatic aphasia with discourse-linked verb forms referring to the past are irrespective of tense.  
*– This dissertation (Chapter 2 & 5)*
2. Discourse-linking difficulties in aphasic comprehension can be found across linguistic domains.  
*– This dissertation (Chapter 2)*
3. In fluent aphasia, discourse linking is a costly operation.  
*– This dissertation (Chapter 2 & 3)*
4. In the unimpaired brain, verb forms requiring discourse linking are processed differently from verb forms that do not.  
*– This dissertation (Chapter 4)*
5. Individuals with agrammatic aphasia process past time reference inflection differently from healthy individuals, while they process future time reference inflection similarly.  
*– This dissertation (Chapter 5)*
6. By default, to refer to the past, one needs discourse access.  
*– This dissertation*
7. There is a paradox in trying to understand the brain by using it.
8. Knowing how to use search engines is a modern survival skill (not only in academia).
9. Even the most sophisticated mathematical model is, de facto, a story, a parable, our effort to (rationally) grasp the world around us.  
*– Tomáš Sedláček (Economics of good and evil, p. 6)*
10. De beste, maar ook de leukste manier om een vreemde taal te leren, is om die taal te spreken.
11. Als je 'nu' zegt, dan is de 'n' op een bepaald moment al in het verleden, terwijl de 'u' nog in de toekomst is, dus allebei zijn zij nergens.  
*– Harry Mulisch (De tijd zelf), adapted from Augustinus*