

Foreword

In 1983, the University of Nijmegen Research Pool responded favourably to a grant proposal written by the two of us and agreed to fund a four-year research project entitled "The Use of Compensatory Strategies by Dutch Learners of English". As Principal Researchers, we asked Nanda Poulisse to be full-time Research Associate on the project. In addition to seeing to the daily running of the project, she was also required to prepare a Ph.D thesis under our supervision.

The project gave rise to a substantial number of publications (some jointly, some singly authored) in the form of contributions to books and journals, while papers and invited talks were given all over Europe and North America. However, the principal outcome of the project is the present book, which is to all intents and purposes the doctoral dissertation that Nanda Poulisse wrote while engaged on the project. In it will be found the most detailed account of a research programme that occupied the three of us so fully and so pleasurably for the best part of six years.

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