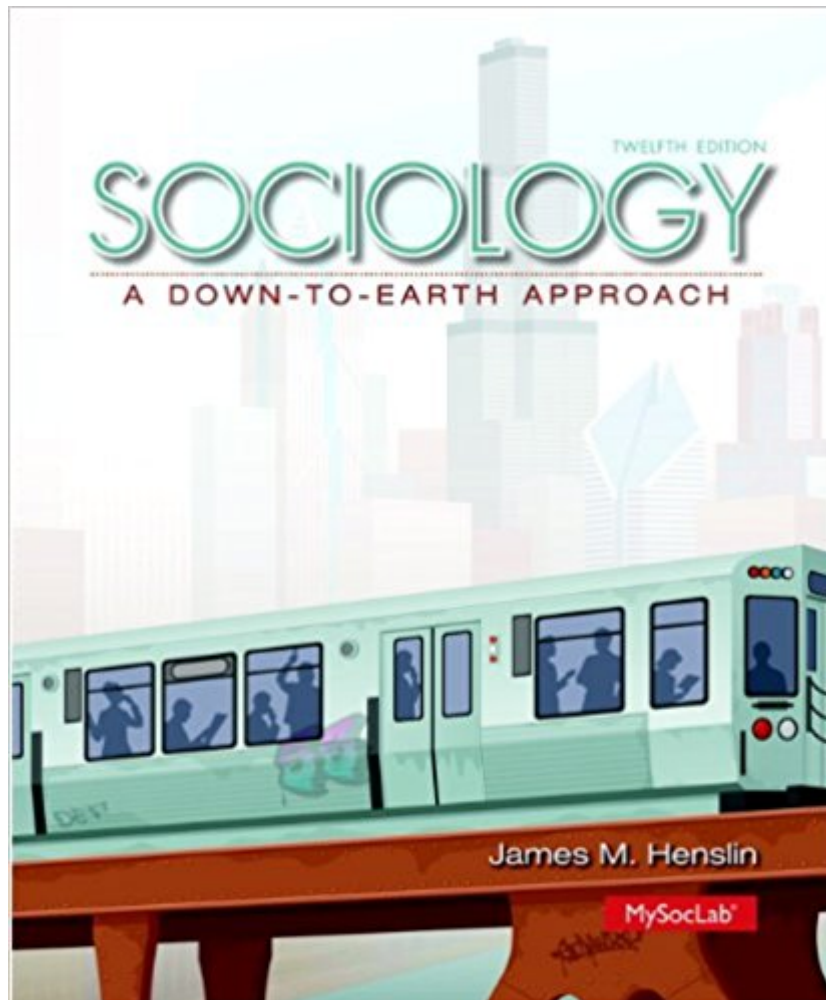




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# Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach (12th Edition)



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James M. Henslin, who was born in Minnesota, graduated from high school and junior college in California and from college in Indiana. Awarded scholarships, he earned his Master's and doctorate degrees in sociology at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. After this, he was awarded a postdoctoral fellowship from the National Institute of Mental Health, and spent a year studying how people adjust to the suicide of a family member. His primary interests in sociology are the sociology of everyday life, deviance, and international relations. Among his numerous books is *Down-to-Earth Sociology : Introductory Readings* (Free Press), now in its twelfth edition. This book of readings reflects some of these sociological interests. He has also published widely in sociology journals, including *Social Problems* and *American Journal of Sociology*. While a graduate student, Jim Henslin taught at the University of Missouri at St. Louis. After completing his doctorate, he joined the faculty at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, where he is Professor Emeritus of Sociology. He says, "I've always found the introductory course enjoyable to teach. I love to see students' faces light up when they first glimpse the sociological perspective and begin to see how society has become an essential part of how they view the world." Henslin enjoys reading and fishing. His two favorite activities are writing and traveling. He especially enjoys visiting and living in other cultures, for this brings him face to face with behaviors and ways of thinking that he cannot take for granted, experiences that "make sociological principles come alive."

I rented this textbook for one of my college classes at PPCC. My college has been requiring students to buy the dreaded custom editions which costs more and are harder to sell. I was told by my professor that only one chapter is missing from this older edition which was fine by me. Ended up asking a friend in class to scan the pages from their textbook. If you are looking to save money on textbooks and don't want to get custom editions, this is a good pick. I enjoyed using this textbook in class I learned a lot of new information that I did not know about. Good diagrams and illustrations to get the point across.

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I bought this for an undergrad class. Hated the class and the material in the book. Disagreed with many subject points. And they didn't use much fact to back up theories. If you're studying for pleasure or personal betterment, look elsewhere.

The writing style of the book is casual and friendly. The authors seemed to go out of their way to create a text that was accessible. Throughout the book they speak directly to the reader, have sections on "how to use psychology to learn psychology" and make a point to provide a variety of ways (via mypsychlab) to deliver information. Because they're psychologists, they know that people have different learning styles and they try to help you. The access code is well worth it. My experience in getting to the mypsychlab was fraught with difficulty and incompetence. - Access to the audio book of the textbook. This was a huge win for me. It is streaming audio only, which is sad. I would love to be able to listen to it in the car during my commute or while exercising. - Flash card game. You can select the chapters, you can choose a quiz option, and you can print out the flash cards. **YOU CAN PRINT THEM OUT!** They even make the game accessible to your smartphone. It's not an app though. It should be an app. - Study guides. For people who have trouble knowing how to take notes from the book or from lecture, the study guides address this with directed note taking outlines. There are glossary lists for you to look up definitions, chapter quizzes to help you prepare. - Links to the podcast, which anyone can get to - the psych files. - access to eText. This is downloadable. Some complaints: - The pages of the text are thin. - The customer service at Pearson was very hit or miss. The third person I reached was able to give me the correct answer, that I needed my professor to provide a course id to me. - You can't download the audio book. - The flash card game should be an app.

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