Grounding of Language Comprehension: New Thoughts and Data

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There is evidence that cognition is at least partly grounded in action and perception. In the arena of language comprehension, motor and perceptual representations have been found to be activated online when people process words and sentences. I will discuss some recent evidence supporting the grounding of language in action and perception. In the second part of my talk, I will present some empirical evidence and theoretical considerations that suggest that grounding may not be as straightforward as is sometimes claimed.