Reference Guide for the History of English

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Some tips when using the *Reference Guide*:

- 1) To go to a certain section of the guide, press Ctrl-F and enter the name of the section. Alternatively, you can search for an author or the title of a book.
- Remember that, for reasons of size, the reference guide only includes books. However, there are some subjects for which whole books are not readily available but only articles. In this case, you can come to me for a consultation or of course, you can search yourself. If you are looking for articles on a subject then one way to find some would be to look at a standard book on the (larger) subject area and then consult the bibliography at the back of the book., To find specific contents in a book use the table of contents and also the index at the back which always offers more detailed information. If you are looking for chapters on a subject then an edited volume is the most likely place to find what you need. This is particularly true for the history of English.
- 3) When you are starting a topic in linguistics the best thing to do is to consult a general introduction (usually obvious from the title) or a collection of essays on the subject, often called a 'handbook'. There you will find articles on the subareas of the topic in question, e.g. a handbook on varieties of English will contain articles on individual varieties, a handbook on language acquisition will contain information on various aspects of this topic. To get to know the terms in a subarea of linguistics you should consult a glossary
- 4) In each of the sections I have highlighted some items in red. The idea here is to suggest to newcomers to the field where they might start. The choice of highlighted items is not meant to be evaluative and was guided by practical considerations alone.

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2 Dictionaries, grammars and corpora

There is at present a large range of dictionaries on the market. The major publishers, such as Oxford University Press, produce new dictionaries on an almost yearly basis. The material contained in these is, however, not necessarily different in each case. Most of the various dictionaries are targeted at the ever increasing market of foreign learners of English.

The remarks below are intended to convey some impression of what dictionaries can be recommended for use if readers wish to consult basically different compilations. There are a number of criteria along which one can divide dictionaries depending on what material they contain and how this is presented. Apart from the actual size of the dictionary (this is nearly always

specified on the jacket in numbers of words) the most fundamental criteria are the following.

Range of information Is the coverage of the dictionary encyclopedic or merely linguistic? Are there are etymologies given? Is there any historical information provided? Are foreign words included generously? Is pictorial information also included? How much grammatical information is provided?

Stylistic information Are tags concerning language usage offered? Do the compilers distinguish registers, e.g. written, formal, colloquial, vulgar?

Source of data Are quotations offered as sources of definitions? If so, are these largely literary, journalistic, conversational? Is the dictionary based on an actual corpus?

Varieties of English Most English dictionaries tend to be based on British or American English usage. Sometimes those which cover the former will specify when a word or phrase is confined to American English.

Oxford University Press publishes a wide range of dictionaries all of which are derivates of a few basic types. The largest and original one is simply termed the *Oxford English Dictionary* and itself goes back to the *A new English dictionary on historical principles* which was started by the Scottish lexicographer Sir James Murray (1837-1915) and finally published in 1928 and 1933. A supplement to this was produced between 1972 and 1986 in four volumes under the guidance of Robert W. Burchfield. A second edition of this dictionary (1989) is available in three formats: in 13 volumes, in 2 volumes in condensed print and on a CD-ROM (version 3 was made available in 2002). The two other main dictionaries produced by Oxford University Press and 1) *The Shorter Oxford Dictionary* and 2) *The Concise Dictionary* (10th edition, 2000, also available on CD-ROM), both monolingual dictionaries with historical information.

Oxford University Press also publishes some specialised dictionaries, such as the *Oxford Dictionary of English Etymology*, the *Oxford Study Thesaurus* or the *Oxford Dictionary of Quotations*, and related works, such as guide to English usage, as well as the *Advanced Learner's Dictionary* (compiled by A. S. Hornby) and a bilingual dictionary (1990, by Werner Scholze-Stubenrecht and John Sykesin) in co-operation with the Duden Verlag, all of which are of value to the student of English.

The following are some further dictionaries in a similar vein.

Oxford Paperback Thesaurus. 2001. Second Edition. Oxford: University Press. Oxford Dictionary of Current English. 2001. Second Edition. Oxford: University Press.

The Oxford Encyclopedic English Dictionary. 1991. Oxford: University Press. *Illustrated Oxford Dictionary.* 2003. Oxford: University Press.

Longman This is the oldest commercial publisher in England which was found in 1724 by Thomas Longman from Bristol. Over the past three centuries

Longman has been responsible for publishing a number of outstanding dictionaries and related works such as Bailey's *Etymological Dictionary* (1728) as well Dr. Johnson's *Dictionary* (1755). Longman has also published Roget's *Thesaurus*. Nowadays Longman publish *The Dictionary of Contemporary English* which is intended for advanced learners of English. The latest version 4 has been available on CD-ROM since 2003. There is also a recent dictionary specifically intended for language learners, the *Longman Interactive English Dictionary*. The publishers also produce a *Longman Dictionary of American English* and a *Longman Advanced American Dictionary*.

Collins An originally Scottish publishing house, Collins has become important in recent years through their production of the *COBUILD* (*Collins Birmingham University International Language Database*) *Dictionary* (1987) compiled under the editorship of John Sinclair. This is derived from a corpus of real English compiled at the University of Birmingham (the dictionary is also available on CD-ROM). All definitions are backed up by quotations from the database with additional grammatical comments where appropriate. The dictionary is entirely synchronic in its approach. A by-product of the COBUILD project has been the *Collins COBUILD English Grammar* (1990) which like the dictionary is based on actually English usage as documented in the Birmingham database.

Chambers This is another Scottish publishing house which has been associated with both an etymological and a general dictionary of the English language. The former has gone through many expansions and revisions, see *Etymological dictionaries* below. The general dicitionary is available as *Chambers 21st century dictionary* (1996, editors: Mairi Robinson and George Davidson). There is also a dictionary of synonyms, again see relevant section below.

Cambridge University Press has not traditionally been associated with the publishing of dictionaries but it has produced in the last few years a substantial one volume dictionary intended for international use, the *Cambridge International Dictionary of English* (1995, also available on CD-ROM).

American English The main lexicographer of American English is Noah Webster (1758-1843) and his name stands for quality in American lexicography even though the dictionaries which appear with his name have nothing to do with the historical figure Webster.

- 1976 Webster's Third New International Dictionary of the English Language Springfield, Mass.: Merriam.
- 1977ff. Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary. Springfield, Mass.: Merriam.
- Ehrlich, Eugene et al. (eds) 1980. *The Oxford American dictionary*. Oxford: University Press.
- Stein, Jess and Laurence Urdang 1969. *The Random House Dictionary*. 3rd edition. New York: Random House.

World English This term has been applied to some studies of English, such as the book by Tom McArthur (Oxford University Press, 2002) and is also used in the title of the following dictionary: *Encarta World English Dictionary.* (London: Bloomsbury, 1999).

Thesauri A thesaurus is basically a dictionary of synonyms and antonyms. The most famous on in English is that by Peter Roget which was first published in the mid 19th century and which has been revised many times since. The history of this work is treated in Werner Hüllen 2004. *A history of Roget's Thesaurus. Origins, developments, and design*. Oxford: University Press.

- Hayakawa, S. I. and Paul Fletcher 1987 [1968]. *The Penguin modern guide to synonyms and related words.* Harmondsworth: Penguin.
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Specialist dictionaries Apart from straightforward dictionaries arranged in alphabetical order and covering the entire language there are many works with selective contents or a particular approach.

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- Jones, Daniel and Alexander C. Gimson 1977. *English pronouncing dictionary*. 14th edition. London: Dent.
- Kenyon, John S. and Thomas A. Knott 1982. *A pronouncing dictionary of American English*. 4th edition. London: Longman.
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- **Etymological dictionaries** These dictionaries deal specifically with the origins of words. They are restricted in the number of items they encompass but give very detailed information about the historical derivation of words and their cognates in other languages. In addition to etymological dictionaries there are ones which deal with specific periods of English, notably the dictionaries for Old and English mentioned below. A relevant study of early dictionary of English is Werner Hüllen 2006. *English dictionaries 800-1700. The topical tradition*. Second edition. Oxford: University Press.
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- Bosworth, Joseph and T. N. Toller 1898. *An Anglo-Saxon dictionary* (many revisions well into this century).
- Rothwell, William et al. 1992. *Anglo-Norman dictionary*. London: The Modern Humanities Research Association.
- *Middle English Dictionary* (1952-) Ten volumes up to the letter S in 1989. University of Michigan Press.
- *Old English Dictionary* (1969-) Bases on the entire computerised corpus of Old English texts. University of Toronto.
- **Recent developments** There are a number of books which are dedicated to new words which have arisen in English or have been borrowed into the language in recent decades.
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- Knowles, Elizabeth and Julia Elliott 1998. *The Oxford dictionary of new words.* Oxford: University Press.
- Phythian, B. A. 1996. *A concise dictionary of new words.* Completed by Richard Cox. London, Hodder and Stoughton.
- Thompson, Della (ed.) 1992. *The Oxford dictionary of current English*. 2nd edition. Oxford: University Press.
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- Hughes, Geoffrey. 2000. A history of English words. Oxford: Blackwell.
- Stockwell, Robert and Donka Minkova 2001. English words. History and

structure. Oxford: University Press.

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- Bammesberger, Alfred 1984. *English etymology*. Heidelberg: Carl Winter.
- Burchfield, Robert 1987. *Studies in lexicography*. Oxford: University Press.
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- Hüllen, Werner 2006. *English dictionaries 800-1700. The topical tradition*. Second edition. Oxford: Clarendon Press.
- Ross, Alan S. C. 1958. *Etymology with special reference to English*. London: André Deutsch.
- Schäfer, Jürgen 1989. *Early modern English lexicography. 2 Vols.* Oxford: University Press.
- **Guides to English usage** The works mentioned here are a kind of half-way house between a dictionary and a grammar. The consist of brief paragraphs on trick questions of use and style and are intended to be consulted randomly like a dictionary rather than being read like a book.
- *The Cambridge international dictionary of idioms.* 1998. Cambridge: CUP.
- Dear, I. C. B. 1986. *Oxford English. A guide to the language*. Oxford: University Press.
- Greenbaum, Sidney and Janet Whitcut 1988. *Longman guide to English usage*. London: Longman.
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- Speake, Jennifer 1999. *Dictionary of idioms.* Oxford: University Press.
- Weiner, Edmund 1984. *The Oxford guide to the English language*. Oxford: University Press.

Grammars These come in all shapes and sizes. They range from the highly theoretical to the very practical. The former have the disadvantage of assuming a model of linguistics with which the reader may not be au fait to begin with. The latter are no doubt useful but often miss out on generalisations concerning the language being described. The works listed below are on the whole of the second type with a certain amount of linguistic theory to provide a solid foundation. They are suited for advanced learners of English with some knowledge of linguistics.

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- Biber, Douglas, Stig Johansson, Geoffrey Leech, Susan Conrad and Edward Finegan 1999. *Longman grammar of spoken and written English*. London: Longman Publications Group.
- Börjars, Kersti and Kate Burridge 2010. *Introducing English grammar*. Second edition. London: Hodder Arnold.
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- Hunston, Susan and Gill Francis 2000. *Pattern grammar. A corpus-driven approach to the lexical grammar of English*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
- Hurford, James R. 1994. *Grammar. A student's guide*. Cambridge: University Press.
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- Kuiper, Koenraad and W.Scott Allan 1995. *The structure of English language*. *Sound, word and sentence*. London: Macmillan.
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3 Corpora of English

A corpus is a body of textual material (sometimes of spoken data) which has been collected on the basis of some pre-defined criteria and which is available in electronic form (typically on CD-ROM or via the internet). Corpora from academic circles are usually available from the university whose staff compiled them and are intended to assist scholars in backing up their statements about language with statistics drawn from real data.

The criteria used when assembling a corpus can vary. The main division is between synchronic and diachronic corpora. The next factor to consider is the text type: spoken or written medium. If the latter, what kind or kinds of literary genre are to be included? What chronological range is the corpus to cover (in the case of a diachronic corpus)? The final issue is the size of the corpus. With recent developments in computing it is possible to process large quantities of data with ease even on personal computers. There is an adage in electronic data processing: the more data one has, the more reliable one's statistics turn out to be, all other factors being equal. For this reason corpora are getting larger and larger and the results achieved are becoming increasingly accurate.

Synchronic corpora The first electronic corpora were synchronic, i.e. they covered some range of contemporary English. The original corpus in this field is the Brown Corpus, compiled by W. Nelson Francis and Henry Kucera at Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island in 1961 and which included about 1,000,000 words from various sources including newspaper texts. Two other majors corpora are the *London-Lund Corpus* of spoken English, connected with the much larger Survey of English Usage project, started in 1959, at the University of London under the directorship of Randolph Quirk, and the Lancaster-Oslo-Bergen Corpus (connected with the University of Lancaster and Geoffrey Leech). The University of Birmingham also compiled a major corpus (under the directorship of John Sinclair) which was used for the COBUILD dictionary and grammar published by Collins in London. Corpora on a larger scale have recently been started. Two major examples of these are the *International Corpus of English* (until recently under the directorship of the late Sidney Greenbaum) and the British National Corpus, started in 1991 with various publishers and universities and targeting 100,000,000 words with some of this stemming from transcriptions of spoken speech. These corpora are different in scope, the former aiming at covering all the national varieties of English. Both are considerably larger than their predecessors and are projected to contain scores of millions of words.

Diachronic corpora In the sense of collected texts of diachronic English in printed form, diachronic corpora have existed for at least a century, cf. the editions of key historical works published by the *Early English Text Society*. In the last two decades plans have been made for electronic corpora covering historical English. The most well-known of these is the *Helsinki Corpus of*

English Texts. (see Kytö, Merja 1993. Manual to the Diachronic Part of the Helsinki Corpus of English Texts. Helsinki: University of Helsinki, Department of English).

The *Penn-Helsinki Parsed Corpus of Middle English* is based on a part of the Helsinki Corpus and has grammatical information included in the form of the corpus distributed to researchers. There are also various other, more specialised corpora available from the University of Helsinki, such as a corpus of medical texts and one of early English correspondence.

The information contained in a diachronic corpus might be lexicographical as with the *Dictionary of Old English Corpus*, the *Early Modern English Dictionaries Corpus* (both Toronto) and the *Historical Thesaurus of English* (London). It might be specific to a certain genre as with the *Corpus of Early English Correspondence* (Helsinki) and the *Zurich English Newspaper Corpus* or indeed be confined to a single author as with the *Oxford Shakespeare Corpus*. In yet other cases the limits may be defined by a certain period as with the *ICAMET* (International Computer Archive of Middle English Texts, Innsbruck) and the *Lampeter Corpus of Early Modern English Texts* (Chemnitz) or by a given region as with the *Helsinki Corpus of Older Scots*. Many of these corpora are in the process of completion at the universities of the cities indicated in their titles or in parentheses after the name.

| Name | Compiling institution / individuals |
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| ARCHER, a corpus of British and American English from 1650-1990 | Douglas Biber and associates in Northwestern Arizona University in collboration with colleagues at the University of Freiburg, Germany |
| Australian Corpus of English | Department of Linguistics, Macquarie University, NSW, Australia |
| Bank of English | University of Bermingham, sponsored by the publisher HarperCollins |
| British National Corpus | Consortium under the aegis of Oxford University Press |
| The Brooklyn-Geneva-Amsterdam-Helsin ki Parsed Corpus of Old English | A parsed section of the original Helsinki corpus prepared by a number of linguists |
| Brown Corpus of Standard American English. | W. Nelson Francis and Henry Kucera, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island |
| Corpus of 19th Century English | Merja Kytö and associates, Uppsala University, Sweden |
| Corpus of Dialogues | Merja Kytö, Uppsala University, Sweden |

| | and Jonathan Culpeper, Lancaster University, England |
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| Corpus of Early English Correspondence | Terttu Nevalainen and Helena Raumolin-Brunberg, University of Helsinki, Finland |
| A Corpus of Irish English | Raymond Hickey, Essen University, Germany (packaged with <i>Corpus</i> <i>Presenter, Software for Language</i> <i>Analysis</i> , Amsterdam: John Benjamins, 2003) |
| Corpus of London Teenage Language (COLT) | Anna-Britta Stenström and associates, Department of English, University of Bergen |
| Corpus of Middle English Prose and Verse | University of Michigan, Michigan |
| Freiburg-Brown Corpus of American English (FROWN) | Christian Mair and associates, University of Freiburg, Germany |
| Freiburg-LOB Corpus of British English (FLOB) | Christian Mair and associates, University of Freiburg, Germany |
| The Helsinki Corpus of Older Scots | Anneli Meurman-Solin, Department of English, University of Helsinki, Finland |
| Innsbruck Corpus Archive of Middle English Texts (ICAMET) | Manfred Markus, University of Innsbruck, Austria |
| International Corpus of English (ICE), collection of corpora from various anglophone countries, now (2005) partially completed | Co-ordinated by the Department of English, University College London, England |
| Kolhapur Corpus of Indian English | Shivaji University, Kolhapur |
| Lampeter Corpus of Early Modern English Tracts | Josef Schmied, Technical University Chemnitz, Germany |
| Lancaster-Oslo-Bergen Corpus of British English | Collaborative effort of the universities in the three cities named in title |
| London-Lund Corpus of Spoken English | Departments of English at University College London, England and Lund University, Sweden |
| Middle English Medical Texts | Irma Taavitsainen, Päivi Pahta and Martti Mäkinen, Department of English, University of Helsinki, Finland. Retrieval software by Raymond Hickey. Published by John Benjamins, 2005. |

| Northern Ireland Transcribed Corpus of Speech (NITCS) | John Kirk, Department of English, Queen's University, Belfast, Northern Ireland |
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| Penn-Helsinki Parsed Corpus of Middle English | University of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania |
| Old Bailey Court Depositions | Department of History, University of Sheffield |
| Santa Barbara Corpus of Spoken American English | University of Santa Barbara, California |
| Zurich English Newspaper Corpus | Udo Fries and associates, Department of English, Zurich University |

4 Journals of linguistics

American Speech A Quarterly of Linguistic Usage, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, 1925/26-

Anglia Journal for English philology, Tübingen, 1878-

Anglo-Saxon England Cambridge, 1972-

Annual Review of Applied Linguistics Cambridge, 1980-

Anthropological Linguistics Indiana University, Anthropology Department, Bloomington, Indiana, 1959-

Applied Linguistics Oxford, 1979-

Applied Psycholinguistics Cambridge, 1979-

Arbeiten aus Anglistik und Amerikanistik Tübingen, 1976-

Archiv für das Studium der neueren Sprachen und Literaturen Berlin, 1846-

Beiträge zur Geschichte der Sprachwissenschaft Münster, 1991-

Beiträge zur Namensforschung Heidelberg, 1949/50-

Bilingualism. Language and Cognition Cambridge, 1998-

Brain and Language New York, 1974-

Canadian Journal of Linguistics / La Revue Canadienne de Linguistique Toronto, 1954/5-

Clinical Linguistics and Phonetics London, 1987-

Cognitive Linguistics Berlin, 1990-

Computers and the Humanities Dordrecht

Diachronica International Journal for Historical Linguistics, 1984-

Die Neueren Sprachen, Frankfurt on Main, 1952: New Series, 1-

Die Sprache Journal for Linguistics, Wien, 1949-

ELT Journal An International Journal for Teachers of English to Speakers of other Languages, Oxford, 1946-

English for Specific Purposes Amsterdam

English Language and Linguistics Cambridge, 1997-

English Studies A Journal of English Language and Literature, Lisse, 1919-

English Today The International Review of the English Language, Cambridge, 1985-

English World-Wide A Journal of Varieties of English, Heidelberg, later Amsterdam, 1980-

Evolution of Communication Amsterdam, 1997-

Folia Linguistica Acta Societatis Linguisticae Europaeae. Den Haag, later Berlin, 1967-

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Foundations of Language International Journal of Language and Philosophy. Dordrecht, 1965-1976: 1-14.

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Germanistische Linguistik Hildesheim, 1969/1979-

Glossa An International Journal of Linguistics, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, B.C., Canada, 1967-

Historiographia Linguistica International Journal for the History of Linguistics, Amsterdam, 1974-

Historische Sprachforschung, Historical Linguistics Former title: Zeitschrift für vergleichende Sprachforschung auf dem Gebiete der indogermanischen Sprachen (often abbreviated as KZ, Kuhns Zeitschrift), Göttingen, 1852-

International Journal of Corpus Linguistics Amsterdam, 1996-

International Journal of Psycholinguistics Den Haag, 1972-

International Journal of the Sociology of Language Berlin, 1974-

International Journal of Speech Technology Dordrecht, 1995

Interpreting International journal of research and practice in interpreting, Amsterdam, 1996-

IRAL International Review of Applied Linguistics in language Teaching, Heidelberg, 1963-

Journal of Child Language Cambridge, 1973-

Journal of Corpus Linguistics Amsterdam, 1997-

Journal of English and Germanic Philology Champaign, Illinois, 1887-

Journal of English Linguistics Athens, Georgia: University of Georgia, 1967-

Journal of Historical Pragmatics Amsterdam

Journal of Linguistics Cambridge, 1965-

Journal of Literary Semantics Heidelberg, 1972

Journal of Neurolinguistics An International Journal fo the Study of Language and the Brain, Amsterdam

Journal of Phonetics London, 1973-

Journal of Pidgin and Creole Languages Amsterdam

Journal of Pragmatics Amsterdam, 1977-

Journal of Psycholinguistic Research New York, 1971/72-

Journal of Semantics An International Journal for the Interdisciplinary Study of the Semantics of Natural Language, Oxford, 1982-

Journal of Sociolinguistics Oxford, 1997-

Journal of the International Phonetic Association London, 1971-

Journal of Verbal Learning and Verbal Behavior New York, 1962-

Language Journal of the Linguistic Society of America, Baltimore, Maryland, 1925-

Language and Communication Amsterdam

Language and Literature Journal of the Poetics and Linguistics Association, Harlow, Essex, 1992-

Language in Society Cambridge, 1972-

Language International The magazine for the language professions, Amsterdam, 1988-

Language Learning A Journal of Applied Linguistics, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1948-

Language Problems and Language Planning Amsterdam, 1976-

Language Sciences Oxford/Amsterdam

Language Teaching The International Abstracting Journal for Language Teachers and Applied Linguistics, Cambridge, 1968-

Language Variation and Change Cambridge, 1989-

Languages in Contrast Amsterdam, 1998-

Le Maître Phonétique London, 1886-1970: 1-85 (see Journal of the IPA)

Lexicology Berlin, 1995-

Lingua International Review of General Linguistics, Amsterdam, 1947-

Linguistic Analysis New York, 1975-

Linguistic Inquiry Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1970-

Linguistic Typology Berlin, 1997-

Linguistics An International Review, Den Haag, 1963-

Linguistics and Education Amsterdam

Linguistics and Philosophy Dordrecht, 1977-

Linguistische Berichte Wiesbaden, 1969-

Literary and Linguistic Computing Oxford

Names Journal of the American Name Society, South Dakota, 1953-

Natural Language and Linguistic Theory Dordrecht, 1983-

Natural Language Semantics An International Journal of Semantics and its Interfaces in Grammar, Dordrecht, 1993-

Neophilologus Groningen and Dordrecht, 1916-

Neuphilologische Mitteilungen Bulletin of the Modern Language Society Helsinki, 1899-

Nordic Journal of Linguistics Oslo, 1978-

Orbis Bulletin International de Documentation Linguistique. Louvain, 1952-

Phonetica Basel, 1957-

Phonology Cambridge, 1984-

Poetica Journal for Linguistics and Literary Studies, München, 1967-

Poetics International Review for the Theory of Literature, Amsterdam, 1971-

Pragmatics and Cognition Amsterdam

Review of English Studies, **The** Quarterly Journal of English Literature and the English Language, Oxford, 1949-

Second Language Research London, 1985-

Sign Language Amsterdam

Sociolinguistica International Yearbook of European Sociolinguistics, Tübingen, 1987-

Sprachwissenschaft Heidelberg, 1976-

Studia Anglia Posnaniensia An International Review of English Studies, Poznan, 1968-

Studia Linguistica A Journal of General Linguistics, Lund, 1947- / Oxford, 1996-

Studies in Language International Journal Sponsored by the Foundation 'Foundations of Language', Amsterdam, 1976-

Studies in Second Language Acquisition Cambridge, 1978-

Syntax A Journal of Theoretical, Experimental, and Interdisciplinary Research, Oxford. 1998-

Target International Journal of Translation Studies, Amsterdam, 1989-

Terminology International Journal of Theoretical and Applied Issues in Specialized Communication, Amsterdam, 1989-

Text An Interdisciplinary Journal of the Study of Discourse, Berlin, 1981-

The American Journal of Semiotics Bloomington, Indiana, 1981-

The Journal of the English Place-Name Society London, 1968/69-

Theoretical Linguistics Berlin, 1974-

Transactions of the Philological Society Oxford, 1869-

World Englishes, Oxford, 1981-

Word Journal of the Linguistic Circle of New York, Worcester, Massachusetts, 1945-

Written Language and Literacy Amsterdam

Zeitschrift für Anglistik und Amerikanistik Berlin, 1953-

Zeitschrift für Dialektologie und Linguistik Up to vol. 25 under the title **Zeitschrift für Mundartforschung**. Wiesbaden, 1925-

Zeitschrift für Fremdsprachenforschung Bochum, 1990-

Zeitschrift für germanistische Linguistik Berlin, 1973-

Zeitschrift für Literaturwissenschaft und Linguistik Göttingen, 1971-

Zeitschrift für Phonetik, Sprachwissenschaft und Kommunikationsforschung Berlin, 1948-

Zeitschrift für Semiotik Tübingen, 1979-

Zeitschrift für Sprachwissenschaft, Göttingen, 1982-

5 Series, collections and proceedings

Many publishing houses accommodate their books within series which they publish. The idea of a series is that it unites books which are thematically related and so facilitates the identification by potential readers and, given the fact that a series has an independent editor or editors, the responsibility for soliciting and reviewing manuscripts does not rest primarily with the publishers. If anything the number of linguistic series has been increasing in recent years, particularly with English publishing houses. The titles presented below are intended to give a representative selection rather than to be an exhaustive list; note also that some of the series are now defunct, but known for many seminal publications, e.g. *Janua Linguarum* (Mouton).

Articles or papers from conferences are frequently published as collections. This can be a regular feature or a single instance. In many cases the proceedings of a recurring conference are brought out by a single publisher. For example, the proceedings from the *International Conference on Historical Linguistics* (abbreviated as ICHL) and the equivalent conference for English historical studies, the *International Conference on English Historical Linguistics* (abbreviated as ICEHL) are usually published by Benjamins (Amsterdam). Another case in point is the historical series published by Mouton de Gruyter (Berlin), the titles include *Historical Phonology, Historical Morphology, Historical Syntax, Historical Semantics and Word Formation, Historical Dialectology, Historical Philology*. In general one can say that the organizations which concern themselves with levels of linguistics hold conferences and publish their proceedings regularly as conference volumes (for instance on phonetics, phonology, generative syntax in Europe [GLOW, Generative Linguists of the Old World], etc.).

A further form in which groups of articles are published is as a *festschrift* (from the German term 'celebratory publication') which is usually produced on the occasion of a particular birthday, often the 60th or 65th. Such a collection consists of contributions which are written by scholars associated with the individual who is to be honoured.

Mention should also be made of so-called working papers or occasional papers. These are as a rule issued by the department of a university and are intended to represent a pre-publication form of work by colleagues which is near completion. The material is usually photocopied rather than being typeset although recent improvements in technology have meant that there is little difference between the two procedures. The standard of the contents is frequently quite high and for some working papers peer review is demanded which is intended to guarantee consistent quality.

Anglistische Arbeitshefte 'Anglistic notebooks' (Tübingen: Niemeyer; Editors: Herbert Brekle and Wolfgang Kühlwein)

Applied Linguistics and Language Study Series (London: Longman; Editor: Christopher N.Candlin)

Blackwell Reference Library (Oxford: Blackwell)

Blackwell Textbooks in Linguistics (Oxford: Blackwell)

Cambridge Language Surveys (Cambridge: University Press; Editors: W.Sidney Allen et al.)

Cambridge Studies in Linguistics (Cambridge: University Press; Editors: W.Sidney Allen et al.)

Cambridge Textbooks in Linguistics (Cambridge: University Press; Editors: Bernard Comrie et al.)

Contributions to the Sociology of Language (Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter; Editor: Joshua Fishman)

Current Issues in Linguistic Theory (Amsterdam: Benjamins; Editor: Konrad Koerner)

Current Studies in Linguistics Series (Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press; Editor: Samuel Jay Keyser)

Dialects of English (Edinburgh: University Press; Editors: Joan Beal, April McMahon and Patrick Honeybone)

English Language Series (London: Longman; Editor: Randolph Quirk)

Fontana Modern Masters (London: Fontana; Editor: Frank Kermode)

Foundations of Language, Supplementary Series (Dordrecht: Reidel; Editors: Morris Halle et al.)

Geschichte der Sprachtheorie 'History of linguistic theory' (Tübingen: Narr; Editor: Peter Schmitter)

Blackwell Handbooks in Linguistics (Oxford: Blackwell Publishers)

Interface Series (London: Routledge; Editor: Ronald Carter)

Janua Linguarum (The Hague: Mouton; Editor: C.H. van Schooneveld)

Language. Culture and Cognition (Cambridge: University Press)

Language in Performance (Tübingen: Gunter Narr; Editor: Werner Hüllen)

Language in Social Life Series (London: Longman; Editor: Christopher N. Candlin)

Language in Society (Oxford: Blackwell; Editor: Peter Trudgill)

Language Workbooks (London: Routledge; Editor: Richard Hudson)

Learning about Language Series (London: Longman; Editors: Geoffrey and Mick Short)

Leeds Studies in English (Leeds: University Press)

Linguistic Theory Guides (London: Routledge)

Longman Linguistics Library (London: Longman; Editors: R. H. Robins and Geoffrey N. Leech/Martin Harris)

Lund Studies in English (Lund: University Press)

Macmillan Modern Linguistics (London: Macmillan; Editors: Noel

- Burton-Roberts and Andrew Spencer)
- North Holland Linguistic Series (Amsterdam: North Holland; Editors: Simon C. Dik and J. G. Kooij)
- Outstanding Dissertations in Linguistics (New York: Garland; Editor: Jorge Hankamer)
- Oxford Readings in Philosophy (Oxford: University Press; Editor: G. J. Warnock)
- Oxford Studies in Language Contact (Oxford: University Press)
- Oxford Studies in Language and Gender (Oxford: University Press)
- Oxford Studies in Comparative Syntax (Oxford: University Press; Editor: Richard Kayne)
- *Oxford Studies in Sociolinguistics* (Oxford: University Press)
- Oxford Textbooks in Linguistics (Oxford: University Press; Editors: Keith Brown, Iim Miller and Peter Roach)
- **Papers from the Regional Meetings of the Chicago Linguistics Society** (University of Chicago)
- **Pragmatics and beyond** (Amsterdam: Benjamins; Editor: Hubert Cuyckens, Herman Parret and Jef Verschueren)
- **Publications in Language Sciences** (Dordrecht: Foris; Editors: Ger J.de Haan, Leo Wetzels and Wim Zonneveld)
- **Real Language Series** (London: Longman; Editors: Jennifer Coates, Jenny Cheshire, Euan Reid)
- **Studies in Anthropological Linguistics** (Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter; Editors: Florian Coulmas and Jacob L. Mey)
- Studies in English Language (Cambridge: University; Editor: Merja Kytö et al.)
- **Studies in the History of the Language Sciences** (Amsterdam: Benjamins; Editor: Konrad Koerner)
- **Studies in Interactional Sociolinguistics** (Cambridge: University Press; Editor: John J.Gumperz)
- **Studies in Language and Linguistics Series** (London: Longman; Editors: Geoffrey and Mick Short)
- **Studies in Language Disability and Remediation** (London: Edward Arnold; Editor: David Crystal)
- *Syntax and Semantics* (New York: Academic Press; Various editors)
- *Synthese Language Library* (Dordrecht: Reidel; Editors: Jaakko Hintikka et al.)
- The Great Languages (London: Faber and Faber)
- The Language Library (London: Edward Arnold; Editor: David Crystal)
- *The Language of Literature* (London: Macmillan; Editor: Norman Blake)
- **Topics in English Linguistics** (Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter; Editors: Bernd Kortmann and Elizabeth Traugott)

- *Topics in Sociolinguistics* (Dordrecht: Foris)
- *Transatlantic Series in Linguistics* (New York: Holt, Rinehart and Winston; Editor: Samuel R.Levin)
- *Trends in Linguistics: Studies and Monographs* (Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter; Editor: Werner Winter)
- Typological Studies in Language (Amsterdam: Benjamins; Editor: Thalmy Givón)
- **Penguin English Linguistics** (Harmondsworth: Penguin; Editor: David Crystal)
- Cambridge Studies in Oral and Literate Culture (Cambridge: University Press; Editors: Peter Burke and Ruth Finnegan)
- Advances in Semiotics (Bloomington: Indiana University Press; Editor: Thomas A. Sebeok)
- **Linguistische Arbeiten** 'Linguistic studies' (Tübingen: Niemeyer; Editors: Herbert Brekle et al.)
- Varieties of English around the World, General Series and Text Series

 (Amsterdam: Benjamins; Editor: Manfred Görlach, Cologne; as of 1997: Edgar Schneider, Regensburg)
- Language and Computers. Studies in Practical Linguistics (Amsterdam: Rodopi; Editors: Jan Aarts and Willem Meijs)