



Research Guide: Linguistics

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General Sources

The Dictionary of Historical and Comparative Linguistics: Definitions of varying lengths cover terminology relating to the study of how languages change over time. Major language families and individual languages are included.

Located in Reference: P 143 .T727 2000

Encyclopedia of Language and Education [8 vols.]: Each volume covers a different aspect in the multidisciplinary field of language and education (volume one, for example, explores the issue of Language Policy and Political Issues in Education).

Located in Reference: P 40.8 .E53 1997

International Encyclopedia of Linguistics [4 vols.]: This work is a comprehensive resource encompassing major language groups and specific languages as well as linguistic terminology and methodology.

Located in Reference: P 29 .I58 1991

The Linguistics Encyclopedia, 2nd ed.: Approximately 75 entries cover the theoretical aspects of language in this one-volume work. The Introduction traces the history of Linguistics as an academic discipline.

Located in Reference: P 29 .L52 2002

The Oxford Dictionary of English Etymology: Tracing the origin, history, and evolution of over 24,000 words and their derivatives, this source is the most comprehensive etymological resource covering the English language.

Located in Reference: PE 1580 .O5

Dictionaries

The Oxford English Dictionary, 2nd ed. [20 vols.]: With its meticulous emphasis on etymology, the OED is, without question, the most authoritative English language dictionary. Each of its some 290,500 entries is augmented by several quotations (about 2.5 million quotes in all) which illustrate the history of a particular word's usage.

Located in Reference: PE 1625 .O87 1989

The Oxford Dictionary of Pronunciation: Both British and American pronunciations are provided for over 96,000 words in this resource. Definitions of words are not included.

Located in Reference: PE 1137 .U66 2001

Random House Historical Dictionary of American Slang [3 vols.]: Considered the best dictionary of American slang available, this work draws on primary source-derived quotations to trace the evolution of the usage for a particular word.

Located in Reference: PE 2846 .H57

Webster's Third New International Dictionary of the English Language: Though now 40 years old, *Webster's Third* is still the most comprehensive one-volume unabridged dictionary. Some of its over 450,000 entries are a bit dated, but this source remains the standard of its kind.

Located in Reference: PE 1625 .W36 1971

Thesauri

Bartlett's Roget's Thesaurus: Organized in the manner of a traditional thesaurus, this source is divided into 24 large groups of related subjects and subdivided by the most basic words that fall under each. Each of the keywords contains an exhaustive list of synonyms for the parts of speech and definitions encompassed by the particular word. The use of the comprehensive index is a necessity for proper use of this book.

Located in Ready Reference: PE 1591 .B35 1996

Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Thesaurus: The *Collegiate Thesaurus* briefly defines and lists synonyms for each alphabetically-arranged word. Related words, idiomatic equivalents, contrasted words, and antonyms are also listed as warranted.

Located in Ready Reference: PE 1591 .W38 1993

Roget's II: The New Thesaurus: Its two-column structure allows the *Roget's II* to list multiple definitions for a word in one column and then list synonyms for each definition in the other. Entries are alphabetically-arranged.

Located in Ready Reference: PE 1591 .R715 1988

Usage Manuals

The Penguin Dictionary of American English Usage and Style: Alphabetical entries focus on grammatical terms or specific words which suffer misuse or questionable use.

Located in Reference: PE 1464 .L68 2000

The New Fowler's Modern English Usage, revised 3rd ed.: A thoroughly revised edition of this venerable source, the *New Fowler's* covers such topics as grammar, spelling, style, syntax, and word choice as they relate to the use and misuse of the English language.

Located in Reference: PE 1628 .F65 1998

The Oxford Guide to English Usage, 2nd ed.: Perhaps the most comprehensive and authoritative source of its kind, the *Oxford Guide* includes a broad variety of alphabetical entries, from Begging the Question to Filipino Literature in English to Split Infinitive to Noah Webster.

Located in Reference: PE 1091 .W44 1993

The American Heritage Book of English Usage: Organized by subject, this source contains chapters on such topics as grammar, style, word choice, and pronunciation.

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