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### **Abbreviations**

a.c.i. accusativus cum infinitivo (accusative and infinitive)

ACC accusative
AdvP adverb phrase
AmE American English

ARCHER A Representative Corpus of Historical English

Registers

AusE Australian English AUX, Aux auxiliary verb

BNC British National Corpus

BrE British English
C complementizer
C consonant

CC Corpus of Changes

CED A Corpus of English Dialogues 1560–1760
CEEC and CEEC-400 Corpus of Early English Correspondence 1998
CEECE Corpus of Early English Correspondence

Extension

CEECS Corpus of Early English Correspondence Sampler

CEECSU Corpus of Early English Correspondence

Supplement

CEEM Corpus of Early English Medical Writing

CEN Corpus of English Novels

CENZE Corpus of Early New Zealand English
CHELAR Corpus of Historical English Law Reports

CIE Corpus of Irish English

CLMET Corpus of Late Modern English Texts

CLMET3.0 Corpus of Late Modern English Texts, version 3.0 CLMETEV Corpus of Late Modern English Texts, Extended

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CMEPV Corpus of Middle English Prose and Verse



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	COCA	Corpus of Contemporary American English
	СОНА	Corpus of Historical American English
	CONCE	A Corpus of Nineteenth-Century English
	CoNE	Corpus of Narrative Etymologies
	CONTE-pC	Corpus of Early Ontario English, pre-Confederation Section
	COOEE	Corpus of Oz Early English
	COPC	Century of Prose Corpus
	CoRD	Corpus Resource Database
	CORIECOR	Corpus of Irish English Correspondence
	CP	complementizer phrase
	CSC	Corpus of Scottish Correspondence
	DAT, Dat.	dative
	DCPSE	Diachronic Corpus of Present-Day Spoken English
	DECL	Digital Editions for Corpus Linguistics
	DECTE	Diachronic Electronic Corpus of Tyneside English
	DIMEV	Digital Edition of the Index of Middle English Verse
	DO DOE	direct object
	DOE	Dictionary of Old English
	DOEC	Dictionary of Old English Corpus
	ECCO	Eighteenth Century Collections Online
	ECEG	Eighteenth-Century English Grammars database
	EEBO	Early English Books Online
	EETS	Early English Text Society
	EFL	English as a Foreign Language
	eLALME	An Electronic Version of A Linguistic Atlas of Late Mediaeval English
	E-Language	external language
	EME	Early Middle English
	EMEDD	Early Modern English Dictionaries Database
	EMEMT	Early Modern English Medical Texts
	EModE	Early Modern English
	ENL	English as a Native Language
	EPP	feature responsible for movement
	ESL	English as a Second Language
	ESTC	English Short Title Catalogue [British Library]
	ETED	An Electronic Text Edition of Depositions 1560–1760
	F	foot
	Fin	finite
	F-LOB	Freiburg-LOB Corpus of British English
	Frown	Freiburg–Brown Corpus of American English
	Н	heavy
	НС	Helsinki Corpus of English Texts
	HCOS	Helsinki Corpus of Older Scots
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HTE Historical Thesaurus of English

Ι inflection

**ICE** International Corpus of English - ICE-Phil

> (Philippines component), ICE-Sing (Singapore component), ICE-Ind (Indian component), ICE-FJ (Fiji component), ICE-GB International Corpus

of English (British component)

Icel. Icelandic Indo-European IE I-Language internal language IndE Indian English IO indirect object ΙP inflection phrase

**ISIE** iterative sequential interval estimation

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LAD Language Acquisition Device

A Linguistic Atlas of Early Middle English, 1150-1325 **LAEME** 

A Linguistic Atlas of Mediaeval English **LALME LAOS** A Linguistic Atlas of Older Scots

LC Lampeter Corpus of Early Modern English Tracts

**LEME** Lexicons of Early Modern English

LION Literature Online

LLC London-Lund Corpus of Spoken English **LMEMT** Late Modern English Medical Texts

Late Modern English **LModE** 

LOB Lancaster-Oslo/Bergen Corpus

LP linguistic profile

M modal

ME Middle English

MFD Middle English Dictionary

Middle English Grammar Corpus MEG-C **MEMT** Middle English Medical Texts **MESTA** Middle English Scribal Texts Archive

ModE Modern English main verb MV N noun NE North-east

NECTE Newcastle Electronic Corpus of Tyneside English

**NELS** North East Linguistic Society

NP noun phrase NW North-west

NZE New Zealand English

O object

OBC Old Bailey Corpus **OBP** Online Books Page



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	OCR	Optical Character Recognition
	OE	Old English
	OED	Oxford English Dictionary
	OFr	Old French
	ONZE	Origins of New Zealand English
	OV	Object-Verb
	P	phrase
	P&P	Principles and Parameters
	PCEEC	Parsed Corpus of Early English Correspondence
	PDE	Present-day English
	PhilE	Philippine English
	PLD	primary linguistic data
	POS	part-of-speech
	PP	past participle
	PPCEME	Penn-Helsinki Parsed Corpus of Early Modern English
	PPCME2	Penn-Helsinki Parsed Corpus of Middle English, second edition
	Prep	preposition
	PrepP	prepositional phrase
	PrG	Proto-Germanic
	PrP	present participle
	RP	Received Pronunciation
	S	sentence
	S	strong, i.e. stressed
	S	subject
	SC	Salamanca Corpus: Digital Archive of English Dialect Texts
	SED	Survey of English Dialects
	$\mathbf{s}\mathbf{g}$	singular
	SingE	Singaporean English
	SNA	social network analysis
	Sociopragmatic Corpus	Sociopragmatic Corpus, a Specialized Sub-section of A Corpus of English Dialogues 1560–1760
	SOV	Subject-Object-Verb
	SV	Subject-Verb
	SVO	Subject-Verb-Object
	T	tense
	T	tu (second-person singular)
	TCP	Text Creation Partnership
	TOE	A Thesaurus of Old English
	Тор	topic
	UG	Universal Grammar
	v	light verb
	V	verb



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V	vous (second-person plural)	
V	vowel	
V2	verb second	
Vi	intransitive verb	
VNC	variability-based neighbour clustering	
VO	Verb-Object	
VP	verb phrase	
Vt	transitive verb	
W	weak	
WebCorp	Synchronic English Web Corpus	
WOLD	World Loanword Database	
YCOE	York–Toronto–Helsinki Parsed Corpus of Old	
	English Prose	
ZEN	Zurich English Newspaper Corpus	