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Abbreviations

*	ungrammatical form or string
#	syllable boundary
1 / 2 / 3	first/second/third person
3 _R	coreferential third person
↑	the f-structure associated with the mother node
↓	the f-structure associated with this node
A	Agent/Actor, namely subject of a transitive clause
a-structure	argument structure
ABL	ablative
ABS	absolutive (case)
ABSL	Al-Sayyid Bedouin Sign Language
ACC	accusative
AcI	accusative with the infinitive
ADJ	adjunct
ADV	adverbial case
Adv	adverb
<i>agr</i>	agreement
AgrOP	object agreement phrase
AOR	aorist
AP	adjectival phrase
Asp(P)	aspect (phrase)
ASP	aspect(ual)
Aux	auxiliary
Br.Pt.	Brazilian Portuguese
C	(i) consonant (ii) head of CP and/or complementizer position
C-I	conceptual-intentional
c-structure	constituent-structure
Cae.	Caesar

B.C.	<i>de Bello Ciuili</i>
B.G.	<i>de Bello Gallico</i>
Cat.	Catalan
CAUS	causative
CEEC	<i>Corpus of Early English Correspondence</i>
CG	Construction Grammar
Ch.	Chinese
CI	conditional inversion
Cic.	Cicero
<i>Diu.</i>	<i>De diuinatione</i>
<i>Phil.</i>	<i>Orationes Philippicae</i>
CIG	contact-induced grammaticalization
<i>CIL</i>	<i>Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum</i>
CL	clitic
CLat.	Classical Latin
CLF(P)	classifier (phrase)
CM	class marker
CM	Comparative Method
COHA	<i>Corpus of Historical American English</i>
COL	collective
ComMod	Comprehensive Model
COMP	(i) complementizer (ii) finite clausal complement
COMPL	completive aspect
COND	conditional
CONJ	conjunction
CONT	continuous
COP	copular
CP	complementizer phrase
CSL	cislocative
CUST	customary
D(P)	determiner (phrase)
DAT	dative
DECL	declarative
DEF	definiteness
DEM	demonstrative
Diag	diagnostic
DISTR	distributive
DM	Distributed Morphology
DOEC	<i>Dictionary of Old English Corpus</i>
DU	dual
EEBO	<i>Early English Books Online</i>
EF	edge feature
EIC	Early Immediate Constituents
EModE	Early Modern English

Eng.	English
EPP	extended projection principle
ERG	ergative (case)
F	feminine
F	feature
F1/2/3	first/second/third factor
(i/u)F	(interpretable/unvalued) feature
f-structure	functional-structure
FDG	Functional Discourse Grammar
FE	feature economy
<i>fem</i>	feminine
FLB	faculty of language in the broad sense
FLN	faculty of language in the narrow sense
FOFC	Final-Over-Final Constraint
FOC	focus
Fr.	French
FUT	future
GB	Government-Binding (Theory)
GEN	genitive
GEND	gender
GER	gerund
Ger.	German
HAB	habitual
i-	interpretable (feature)
i-structure	information structure
IcePaHC	Icelandic Parsed Historical Corpus
IE	Indo-European
IG	Input Generalization
IMP	imperative
IN	inessive
IND	indicative
INDEF	indefinite
I(NFL)	(verbal) inflection
INS	instrumental (case)
INT	interrogative
INTR	intransitive
INV	inversion
IP	inflectional phrase
IPFV	imperfective
IS	information structure
It.	Italian
JUNC	juncture
L2	second language
Lat.	Latin
LF	Logical Form

LFG	Lexical-Functional Grammar
LOC	locative
M	masculine
m-structure	morphological-structure
MaOP	Maximize On-line Processing
MAS	masdar (verbal noun)
MAT	matter
MDL	middle (voice)
ME	Middle English
MED	<i>The Middle English Dictionary</i>
MedFa	Medieval Faroese
MGP	Modularised Global Parametrisation
MHG	Middle High German
MiD	Minimize Domains
MiF	Minimize Forms
ML	Model Language
Mod	Modern
Mod(P)	modality (phrase)
ModE	Modern English
ModFa	Modern Faroese
N	neuter
N(P)	noun (phrase)
NAR	narrative
Neg, NEG	negator/negative
NegP	negation phrase
NMZ	nominalizer
nom, NOM	nominative
num, Num(P)	number (phrase)
O	old
Obj, OBJ	object
OBL	oblique
Occ.	Occitan
OCS	Old Church Slavonic
OE	Old English
ON	Old Norse
Op	operator
OPT	optative
OT	Optimality Theory
Ov. Met.	Ovid <i>Metamorphoses</i>
OV	object-verb (order)
OVS	object-verb-subject (order)
P	(i) object of a transitive clause (ii) parameter/property
p-structure	prosodic structure
P&N	person and number

P&P	Principles and Parameters
PART	partitive case
PASS	passive
PAT	patient
PAT	pattern
PCM	Parametric Comparison Method
PERS	person
PF	Phonological Form
PFV	perfect(ive)
PGCH	Performance-Grammar Correspondence Hypothesis
PIE	Proto-Indo-European
PL	plural
PLD	primary linguistic data
POSS	possessive
P(P)	preposition(al phrase)
PPCEME	<i>Penn–Helsinki Parsed Corpus of Early Modern English</i>
PPCME2	<i>Penn–Helsinki Parsed Corpus of Middle English</i> (2nd edition)
PRED	predicate
PRET	preterite
PRF	perfect
pro	phonologically null pronominal subject
PRO	anaphoric null pronominal
PROG	progressive
PRS	present
PRT	particle
PST	past
Pt.	Portuguese
PTCP	participle
Q	question/interrogative (particle)
Q(P)	quantifier (phrase)
RAH	rich agreement hypothesis
RDP	reduplication
ReCoS	<i>Rethinking Comparative Syntax</i>
REFL	reflexive
REL	relative/relativizer
RL	Replica Language
Ro.	Romanian
S	(i) subject of an intransitive clause (ii) sentence
Ŝ	non-projecting specifier position
S ₀	initial stage of language acquisition
s-structure	semantic structure
SBJ	subject
SBJV	subjunctive
SCL	subject clitic

SF	stylistic fronting
sg, SG	singular
Sic.	Sicilian
SOV	subject–object–verb (order)
Sp.	Spanish
Spec	specifier position
STAT	stative
STR	strong
SUB	subordinate
Subj, SUBJ	subject
SUF	suffix
SVO	subject–verb–object (order)
Swd.	Swedish
t	trace (of moved element)
T(P)	tense (phrase)
TAM	tense, aspect and mood
TEMP	temporal (argument, adjunct)
TLA	triggered learning algorithm
TR	transitive
u-	uninterpretable (feature)
UG	Universal Grammar
UNDG	undergoer
UP	Uniformitarian Principle
v(P)	light (agentive/causative) verb (phrase)
v _i	feature value
(E)V2	(embedded) verb-second (syntax)
V	(i) vowel (ii) verb
V(P)	verb (phrase)
VO	verb–object (order)
VOS	verb–object–subject (order)
VSO	verb–subject–object (order)
YCOE	<i>York–Toronto–Helsinki Parsed Corpus of Old English Prose</i>
YCOEP	<i>York–Helsinki Parsed Corpus of Old English Poetry</i>
WK	weak