

## The Indo-European Language Family

Modern languages like English, Spanish, Russian and Hindi as well as ancient languages like Greek, Latin and Sanskrit all belong to the Indo-European language family, which means that they all descend from a common ancestor. But how, more precisely, are the Indo-European languages related to each other? This book brings together pioneering research from a team of international scholars to address this fundamental question. It provides an introduction to linguistic subgrouping and offers comprehensive, systematic and up-to-date analyses of the ten main branches of the Indo-European language family: Anatolian, Tocharian, Italic, Celtic, Germanic, Greek, Armenian, Albanian, Indo-Iranian and Balto-Slavic. By highlighting that these branches are saliently different from each other, yet at the same time display striking similarities, the book investigates the early diversification of the Indo-European language family, spoken today by half the world's population. This title is also available as open access on Cambridge Core.

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## Abbreviations and Symbols

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abl.	ablative
acc.	accusative
act.	active
Aeol.	Aeolic
Alb.	Albanian
Anat.	Anatolian
Arc.	Arcadian
Arm.	Armenian
Att.	Attic
Av.	Avestan
BL	Bartholomae's Law
Boeot.	Boeotian
Br.	Brāhmaṇa
Brit.	Brittonic
Bulg.	Bulgarian
c.	common (gender)
Car.	Carian
Celtib.	Celtiberian
CS	Church Slavonic
CIr.	Common Indo-Iranian
CIrn.	Common Iranian
Cisalp.	Cisalpine
class.	classical
CLuw.	Cuneiform Luwian
coll.	collective
cpd.	compound
CPIE	Core Proto-Indo-European
Cr.	Croatian
CSl.	Common Slavic
CToch.	Common Tocharian
Cypr.	Cypriot
Cz.	Czech

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dat.	dative
decl.	declension
dial.	dialect(al)
Dor.	Doric
du.	dual
EIA	Eastern Indo-Aryan
encl.	enclitic
Eng.	English
Ep.	Epic
ER	Early Runic
Eub.	Euboean
f(em).	feminine
Fal.	Faliscan
Far.	Faroese
Finn.	Finnish
Fr.	French
gen.	genitive
Gaul.	Gaulish
Geo.	Georgian
Gmc.	Germanic
Goth.	Gothic
Gr.	Greek
HG	High German
Hitt.	Hittite
HLuw.	Hieroglyphic Luwian
Hom.	Homer
Hsch.	Hesychius
Hung.	Hungarian
IA	(Eastern) Indo-Aryan
IE	Indo-European
Irn.	Indo-Iranian
Illyr.	Illyrian
impv.	imperative
Ind.	Indic
indic.	indicative
inf.	infinitive
instr.	instrumental
Ion.	Ionic
Ir.	Irish
Irn.	Iranian
Khot.	Khotanese
Lat.	Latin

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Latv.	Latvian
len.	lenited
Lesb.	Lesbian
Lith.	Lithuanian
LLat.	Late Latin
loc.	locative
Luw.	Luwian
Lyc.	Lycian
MA	media(e) aspirata(e)
m(asc).	masculine
MBret.	Middle Breton
MCorn.	Middle Cornish
MDu.	Middle Dutch
Mess.	Messapic
MIA	Middle Indo-Aryan
mid.	middle
Mil.	Milyan
MIr.	Middle Irish
MInr.	Middle Iranian
MLG	Middle Low German
ModBret.	Modern Breton
ModG	Modern German
ModGr.	Modern Greek
Mordv.	Mordvinian
MPers.	Middle Persian
MPhr.	Middle Phrygian
MW	Middle Welsh
Myc.	Mycenaean
neg.	negation
Neth.	Netherlandic (Dutch)
n(eut).	neuter
NFris.	North Frisian
NGeg	North Geg
NHG	New High German
NIA	New Indo-Aryan
NIE	Nuclear Indo-European
NInr.	New Iranian
nom.	nominative
NPers.	New Persian
NPhr.	New Phrygian
Nur.	Nuristani(c)
Nw.	Norwegian

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NWGr.	North-West Greek
OAlb.	Old Albanian
OAv.	Old Avestan
obj.	object
obl.	oblique
OCorn.	Old Cornish
OCS	Old Church Slavonic
OCz.	Old Czech
ODu.	Old Dutch
OE	Old English
OF	Old Frisian
OFr.	Old French
OHG	Old High German
OIA	Old Indo-Aryan
OIr.	Old Irish
OIrn.	Old Iranian
OLat.	Old Latin
OLith.	Old Lithuanian
ON	Old Norse
OPers.	Old Persian
OPhr.	Old Phrygian
OPr.	Old Prussian
ORu.	Old Russian
OS	Old Saxon
Osc.	Oscan
OSw.	Old Swedish
OUmb.	Old Umbrian
Pael.	Paelignian
PAlb.	Proto-Albanian
PAnat.	Proto-Anatolian
PBalt.	Proto-Baltic
PBret.	Proto-Breton
PBrit.	Proto-Brittonic
PCelt.	Proto-Celtic
perl.	perlative
pf.	perfect
PGmc.	Proto-Germanic
Phryg.	Phrygian
PIA	Proto-Indo-Aryan
PIE	Proto-Indo-European
PIIrn.	Proto-Indo-Iranian
PIrn.	Proto-Iranian

## List of Abbreviations and Symbols

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Pis.	Pisidian
Plt.	Proto-Italic
PNIE	Proto-Nuclear Indo-European
Port.	Portuguese
pl.	plural
pres.	present
pret.	preterite
ps.	person
PSl.	Proto-Slavic
ptc.	participle
PToch.	Proto-Tocharian
PWGmc.	Proto-West-Germanic
Ru.	Russian
RuCS	Russian Church Slavonic
Samn.	Samnite
SCr.	Serbo-Croatian
SE	secondary ending
Serb.	Serbian
sg.	singular
sglt.	singulative
SGr.	South Greek
Sid.	Sidetic
Skt.	Sanskrit
Slk.	Slovak
Sln.	Slovene
Sogd.	Sogdian
Sp.	Spanish
SPic.	South Picene
SWBrit.	South-West Brittonic
SWNw.	South-West Norwegian
Thess.	Thessalian
Thrac.	Thracian
Toch.	Tocharian
Toch.A	Tocharian A
Toch.B	Tocharian B
Umb.	Umbrian
Ved.	Vedic Sanskrit
Ven.	Venetic
VOL	Very Old Latin
W	Welsh
WFris.	West Frisian
WGr.	West Greek

xvi	List of Abbreviations and Symbols
WIA	Western Indo-Aryan = Mittanni (Indo-)Aryan
YAv.	Young Avestan
C	consonant
H	laryngeal
R	sonorant consonant
V	vowel
*	reconstruction
< >	phonetically regular change
← →	morphological reshaping or replacement
⇐ ⇒	borrowing