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ABBREVIATIONS

The names of ancient Greek authors and titles of their works are abbreviated according to the conventions of LSJ, sometimes expanded for clarity. In the commentary, the names of Plato, Socrates and Thrasymachus are abbreviated P., S. and T.

Beekes	R. Beekes, <i>Etymological dictionary of Greek</i> , Leiden, 2009
CGCG	E. van Emde Boas et al., <i>The Cambridge grammar of Classical Greek</i> , Cambridge, 2019
CGL	J. Diggle et al., <i>The Cambridge Greek lexicon</i> , Cambridge, 2021
CPG	E. L. von Leutsch and F. W. Schneidewin (eds.), <i>Corpus paroemiographorum Graecorum</i> , Göttingen, 1839–51
DK	H. Diels and W. Kranz (eds.), <i>Die Fragmente der Vorsokratiker</i> ⁶ , Berlin, 1952
FGrHist	F. Jacoby (ed.), <i>Die Fragmente der griechischen Historiker</i> , Leiden, 1923–58
Gildersleeve	B. L. Gildersleeve, <i>Syntax of Classical Greek from Homer to Demosthenes</i> , New York, 1900–11
GP	J. D. Denniston, <i>The Greek particles</i> ² , Oxford, 1954
IG	<i>Inscriptiones Graecae</i> , Berlin, 1877–
KG	R. Kühner and B. Gerth, <i>Ausführliche Grammatik der griechischen Sprache: Satzlehre</i> ⁴ , Hannover, 1955
Laks–Most	A. Laks and G. W. Most (eds.), <i>Early Greek philosophy</i> , vol. 8: <i>Sophists</i> , part 1, Cambridge, MA, 2016
LSJ	H. G. Liddell, R. Scott and H. Stuart Jones, <i>A Greek–English lexicon</i> ⁹ , Oxford, 1940 (with <i>Revised supplement</i> , Oxford, 1996)
PCG	R. Kassel and C. Austin (eds.), <i>Poetae comici Graeci</i> , Berlin, 1983–
SMT	W. W. Goodwin, <i>Syntax of the moods and tenses of the Greek verb</i> , rev. ed., London, 1889
Smyth	H. W. Smyth, <i>Greek grammar</i> , rev. ed., Cambridge, MA, 1956
SSR	G. Giannantoni (ed.), <i>Socratis et Socraticorum reliquiae</i> , Naples, 1990
TrGF	B. Snell et al. (eds.), <i>Tragicorum Graecorum fragmenta</i> , Göttingen, 1971–2004