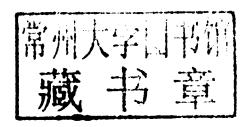
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### List of abbreviations

A.D. Anno Domini

Angl. Anglian

AC Additional Corpus

arch. archaic

B.C. Before Christ

Br Breton

Boisacq. Emile Boisacq, Dictionnaire étymologique de la langue grecque,

4th ed., 1950

B&W O.Bloch and W.von Wartburg, Dictionnaire étymologique de lad

langue française, 2nd ed., 1950

c circa, about (in dates)

c. century
C Celtic

C Consonant

CC Compound Corpus cf. confer, 'compare'

chap. chapter Cl. Class

CS Columbia School

Cor Cornish

CSD Common Semantic Denominator

D Dutch
Da Danish

dial dialect, -al, -ally

Du. Dutch
E English
E. East

ED Early Modern Dutch

ed. edition

EE Early Modern English (1500–1700)
EF Early Modern French (1500–1700)

E&M A.Ernout and A.Meillet, Dictionnaire étymologique de la langue

latine, 3rd ed., 1951

e.g. exempli gratia, 'for example'

esp. especially

et al. et alii, 'and others'

etc. et cetera

EW Ernest Weekley, Concise Etymological Dictionary, 2nd ed., 1952

F French

fem. feminine

fig. figurative, -ly

Fris. Frisian
Ga Gaelic
G(er) German
Gmc Germanic
Go Gothic
Goth Gothic
Gr Greek

Heb.

Hofmann J.B.Hofmann, Etymologisches Wörterbuch des Griechischen, 1950 Holthausen Ferdinand Holthausen, Wörterbuch des Altwestnordischen, 1948

ibid. *ibidem*, 'in the same book or passage'

Icel. Icelandic
i.e. id est, 'that is'
IE Indo-European

IPA Internal Phonetic Association

Hebrew

Ir. Irish

IVA Internal Vowel Alternation

L Latin
lang. language
LG Low German
Lith Lithuanian

Lit literal, literally

LL Late Latin (c A.D. 180-600) L1 First Language Acquisition

masc. masculine MC Modal Corpus MD Medieval Dutch Middle Dutch MDu. ME Middle English Med. Medicine, medical

MF Medieval French (13th -15th Centuries)

MHG Middle High German

mid middle MIr Middle Irish ML Medieval Latin

Middle Low German MLG

mod. modern

Mod.E. Modern English Middle Swedish MSw

N North noun No. Number Nor(w). Norwegian

OALD Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary OB Old Bulgarian (=Old Church Slavic)

obs. Obsolete Obs., OC Old Celtic

OCP **Obligatory Contour Principle** 

OE. Old English

OED Oxford English Dictionary

OF Old French OFris. Old Frisian OGmc Old Germanic Old High German OHG

OIr Old Irish OL Old Latin

Old Low German OLG

ON Old Norse OS Old Saxon

Old Slovanic, Slavic OSl(av) original, originally orig.

pron. pronoun

P Eric Partridge, A Dictionary of Slang and Unconventional

English, 4th ed., 1950

p. page perh. **Perhaps** 

PHB Phonology as Human Behavior

PLPrimitive Latin

pl. plural Pr. Primitive

Pret 1 Past Tense Singular form Pret 2 Past Tense Plural form

root r S (str.) Strong

S/W Strong or Weak South Africa SAfr sb somebody SC Strong Corpus Sc. Scots, Scottish (sing) singular sg.

SI Semantic Integrality

sl slang Skt Sanskrit Sl(av) Slavonic sth. Something

sub voce, 'under the word' s.v.

Swedish Sw

syn synonym; synonymous

Teut Teutonic Tokh Tokharian US **United States** 

usually usu. VVowel verb v

verb intransitive vi verb transitive vt

VIP Very Important Persons Vulgar (or Low) Latin VL

versus vs.

W Weak; West; Welsh

Walshe M.O'C.Walshe, A Concise German Etymological Dictionary, 1952

WS West Saxon

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#### PART ONE

#### Introduction

How does one cope, systematically, with the apparent chaos of the modern world? This question was being asked in a variety of fields, and the replies which Saussure gives – that you cannot hope to attain an absolute or Godlike view of things but must choose a perspective, and that within this perspective objects are defined by their relations with one another.... (Culler, 1976, p. XV)