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List of abbreviations

A.D.	<i>Anno Domini</i>
Angl.	Anglian
AC	Additional Corpus
<i>arch.</i>	archaic
B.C.	Before Christ
Br	Breton
Boisacq.	Emile Boisacq, <i>Dictionnaire étymologique de la langue grecque</i> , 4th ed., 1950
B&W	O.Bloch and W.von Wartburg, <i>Dictionnaire étymologique de la langue française</i> , 2nd ed., 1950
<i>c</i>	<i>circa</i> , about (in dates)
c.	century
C	Celtic
C	Consonant
CC	Compound Corpus
cf.	<i>confer</i> , '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, <i>Dictionnaire étymologique de la langue latine</i> , 3rd ed., 1951
e.g.	<i>exempli gratia</i> , 'for example'
esp.	especially
et al.	<i>et alii</i> , 'and others'
etc.	et cetera
EW	Ernest Weekley, <i>Concise Etymological Dictionary</i> , 2nd ed., 1952
F	French
<i>fem.</i>	feminine
fig.	figurative, -ly
Fris.	Frisian
Ga	Gaelic
G(er)	German
Gmc	Germanic
Go	Gothic
Goth	Gothic
Gr	Greek
Heb.	Hebrew
Hofmann	J.B.Hofmann, <i>Etymologisches Wörterbuch des Griechischen</i> , 1950
Holthausen	Ferdinand Holthausen, <i>Wörterbuch des Altwestnordischen</i> , 1948
ibid.	<i>ibidem</i> , 'in the same book or passage'
Icel.	Icelandic
i.e.	<i>id est</i> , 'that is'
IE	Indo-European
IPA	Internal Phonetic Association
Ir.	Irish
IVA	Internal Vowel Alternation
L	Latin
lang.	language
LG	Low German
Lith	Lithuanian

Lit	literal, literally
LL	Late Latin (<i>c</i> A.D. 180–600)
L1	First Language Acquisition
masc.	masculine
MC	Modal Corpus
MD	Medieval Dutch
MDu.	Middle Dutch
ME	Middle English
Med.	Medicine, medical
MF	Medieval French (13th -15th Centuries)
MHG	Middle High German
mid	middle
MIr	Middle Irish
ML	Medieval Latin
MLG	Middle Low German
mod.	modern
Mod.E.	Modern English
MSw	Middle Swedish
N	North
n	noun
No.	Number
Nor(w).	Norwegian
OALD	Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary
OB	Old Bulgarian (=Old Church Slavic)
Obs.,	obs. Obsolete
OC	Old Celtic
OCP	Obligatory Contour Principle
OE	Old English
OED	Oxford English Dictionary
OF	Old French
OFris.	Old Frisian
OGmc	Old Germanic
OHG	Old High German
OIr	Old Irish

OL	Old Latin
OLG	Old Low German
ON	Old Norse
OS	Old Saxon
OSl(av)	Old Slovanic, Slavic
orig.	original, originally
pron.	pronoun
P	Eric Partridge, <i>A Dictionary of Slang and Unconventional English</i> , 4th ed., 1950
p.	page
perh.	Perhaps
PHB	Phonology as Human Behavior
PL	Primitive Latin
pl.	plural
Pr.	Primitive
Pret 1	Past Tense Singular form
Pret 2	Past Tense Plural form
r	root
S (str.)	Strong
S/W	Strong or Weak
SAfr	South Africa
sb	somebody
SC	Strong Corpus
Sc.	Scots, Scottish
sg.	(sing) singular
SI	Semantic Integrality
sl	slang
Skt	Sanskrit
Sl(av)	Slavonic
sth.	Something
s.v.	<i>sub voce</i> , 'under the word'
Sw	Swedish
syn	synonym; synonymous
Teut	Teutonic

Tokh	Tokharian
US	United States
usu.	usually
V	Vowel
v	verb
vi	verb intransitive
vt	verb transitive
VIP	Very Important Persons
VL	Vulgar (or Low) Latin
vs.	versus
W	Weak; West; Welsh
Walshe	M.O'C.Walshe, <i>A Concise German Etymological Dictionary</i> , 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)