



# English Composition and Grammar

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Language is always evolving because of the addition of new words and the change in meaning of older words. When using a dictionary, consult the notes because of a dictionary's constant use of shortcuts and abbreviations. Dictionaries provide spelling, pronunciation, meaning, syllabication and definitions of words. There are unabridged and abridged dictionaries depending on the number of words listed.



### **Dictionaries:**

*General:* Neilson, W. Webster's new international dictionary of the English language. 2d ed., unabridged, Merriam, 1944. PE 1625 W3 1944  
Barnhart, R. The World book dictionary. Chicago, World Book, 1980. PE 1625 W73 1979  
Fowler, H.W. Concise Oxford dictionary of current English. Oxford, Clarendon Pr. 1976. PE 1928 F6 1976  
Webster's new collegiate dictionary. Springfield, Merriam, 1979. PE 1628 W4  
Oxford American Dictionary and Thesaurus. NY, Oxford Pr., 2003  
Merriam-Webster's collegiate dictionary. 11<sup>th</sup> ed., MA, 2003

### **Rhyming Dictionaries**

*Specialized:* Johnson, B. New rhyming dictionary and poets' handbook. NY, Harper, 1957. Ref. PE 1519 J6 1957  
Walker, J. Rhyming dictionary of the English language. London, Rout ledge, 1888. Ref. PE 1519 W3 1888  
Hood, T. Rhymester, or, The rules of rhyme. NY, Appleton, 1882. PE 1517 H7

### **Thesauri**

Devlin, J. Dictionary of synonyms and antonyms and 5,000 words most often mispronounced. Cleveland, World, 1940. PE 1519 D45  
Mawson, C. Roget's Thesaurus. Garden City, 1940. PE 1591 M37 1940

### **History of Language**

Skeat, W. Concise etymological dictionary of the English language. Oxford, Clarendon Pr. 1911. PE 1580 S52 1911  
Partridge, E. Origins: a short etymological dictionary of modern English. NY, Macmillan, 1966. Ref PE 1580 P3  
Shipley, J. Dictionary of word origins. Paterson, Littlefield 1964. Ref. PE 1580 S45

### Foreign Language Dictionary

Cassell's French-English, English-French dictionary, NY, Funk & Wagnalls, 1951  
PC 2640 C3 1951

Cassell's Spanish dictionary, NY, Funk & Wagnalls, 1959 Ref PC 4640 C35 1959

Cassell's Italian dictionary, NY, Funk & Wagnalls, 1959. Ref PC 1640 C33 1959



### Writing Manuals

Chaffee, J. Critical thinking, thoughtful writing. Boston, Houghton, Mifflin, 2002.  
PE 1408 Ca3955 2002

Jones, J. English. Boston, Houghton Mifflin, 2001. PE 1408E475

Tyner, T. Writing voyage. Belmont, Wadsworth, 1997. PE 1408 T4113

Hacker, D. Writer's Reference. 5<sup>th</sup> ed. NY, St. Martins, 2003.

Books on writing on specialized topics, such as, writing for children, Christian writing, writing under pressure, writing for dramatics, TV & radio, writing for fiction, writing for elementary school and writing for magazines are also available at the Wilson Library.



### Grammars

Loberger, G. Webster's New World English Grammar handbook. Wiley, 2002

Shertzer, M. Elements of grammar, NY, Collier Bks, 1986. PE 1112 S54

Tarshis, B. Grammar for smart people. NY, Pocket, 1993. PE 1112 T37

Random House Webster's student notebook: grammar, usage & punctuation guide. NY, Random Hse., 2002 PN 147 R35

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### Videos

VCS PE 1408 W7 The Writing Course, introduction to college composition. 8 tapes, 1984

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Publication manual of the American Psychological Association, 5<sup>th</sup> edition, Washington DC, APA, 2001. Ref. BF 76.7 P83

and

MLA handbook for writers of research papers. 6<sup>th</sup> ed., NY, MLA, 2003 LB 2369 G53



One last note: **Plagiarism**, vt., to steal or pass off as one's own the ideas or words of another.

Leviticus 19:11 Ye shall not **steal**, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another.

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