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## ABOUT THE JOURNAL

*Oceanic Linguistics* was created at the request of the Panel on Research Needs in Pacific Languages of the Tenth Pacific Science Congress in 1961. Its object is to provide competent information and better communication across national boundaries on current research bearing on the languages of the Oceanic area. Priority is given to languages of the Austronesian family (including European-based pidgins and creoles), although articles on Papuan or Australian languages may be considered, as space permits.

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## EDITORIAL STYLE

OL style follows *The Chicago Manual of Style*, 15th edition (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2003) ("CMS chapter.section" in citations), as implemented in current issues of OL. Spelling follows *Webster's Third New International Dictionary of the English Language*.

## PUNCTUATION & CAPITAL LETTERS

**Comma.** OL style is to use the serial comma: (Starosta, Pawley, and Reid).

**Apostrophe.** OL style with words ending in *s* is to use *s's*: (Collins's study).

**Quotation marks.** Double quotes are put "outside." That is, outside periods, commas, and question and exclamation marks. Used for quotes, special terminology. Single quotes 'inside'. Used for glosses, translated concepts, and for quotes within quotes. But delete final point in: 112. (3) \*butaq 'fish sp.'.

(Exception: single quotes are used outside in translations of example sentences:

Nanti dapat duit rencana aku bayar balik *lah*. ('Soon as I get the money from my article, I'll pay you back.')

**Parentheses/brackets.** Square brackets are used for parentheses within parentheses (... [...]). When numbering examples within text, surround numbers with parentheses: (3), not 3).

**Spaces and tabs.** There should be no sequences of spaces in your document, that is, there should be only a single space between words and sentences (unlike a certain style of typing that always put two spaces between sentences). Please eliminate all sequences of spaces from your document. Use tabs for wider spacing (for tabular matter, for example), but use only single tabs with their positions specially set—do not use sequences of tabs either.

**Diacritical marks.** If the manuscript includes special characters not included in the unicode fonts (Times New Roman, Times New Roman Phonetics, or Doulos SIL), replace each such character in the electronic RTF file you submit with a distinctive alphanumeric code (e.g., resum<e-acute>, a<n-tilde>o, b<schwa>gas, M<a-macron>noa). The codes may be ad hoc, as long as they are clear and unambiguous. Include with your submission a list of all codes used. (See Geoffrey K. Pullum and William Ladusaw, *Phonetic symbol guide*, University of Chicago Press, 1986, for descriptive names currently in use.)

**Hyphen.** Be sure that compound adjectives in front of a noun are clear. Insert a hyphen to avoid ambiguity: high-order protolanguage, person-marking affixes, word-initial position. Once a hyphen is introduced, be consistent throughout the article. Lower-case words preceded by common prefixes are not hyphenated: noninitial, coocur, counterintuitive, interrelated, metalanguage, multifaceted, preempt, postparticle, protoform, reexamine, sociolinguistics. Further examples and exceptions are given in CMS 7.90.

**En-dash.** (Alt-0150) Use for inclusive numbers, in compounds where one of the elements is an open or hyphenated compound, as a minus sign, for juxtaposed opposites or extremes, including bi- or multilingual designations: 128–34, 1934–38, Proto–Eastern Oceanic, Proto–Malayo-Polynesian, –HI, north–south axis, *Ivatan–Filipino–English dictionary*.

**Em-dash.** (Alt-0151) Uses include amplifying or explaining, indicating sudden breaks, and so forth. No more than two should be used in a sentence, and there should be no space on either side of the em-dash. Three em-dashes are used in reference lists when an entire author designation is repeated.

**Capital letters.** Do not capitalize types of linguistic rules (assimilation, tone sandhi, movement) but specific rules (Tone Mapping, Assimilation, Accent Association) may be capitalized in moderation. A rule referred to repeatedly in a paper should be abbreviated, possibly with small capitals, or in lower case. Do not capitalize grammatical classes (noun, gerund, participle). To quote from CMS, “Chicago generally prefers a “down” style—the parsimonious use of capitals.” Thus: “in the appendix,” “in section 2,” “in the northeast,” anglicize, arabic numerals, biblical reference.

**Linguistic signs/spacing/order spaces around signs.** OL style is to place spaces around greater/less than, equals, and plus signs between words. (\*urub > oro) but (> oro); (oro < \*urub) but (< \*urub) (rake = ‘stomach’) but (= ‘stomach’) (noun + noun) (Head + Head) (Head + Modifier)

**Protoforms in roman type.** Protoforms introduced by asterisks should be in roman typeface.

**Colons.** Use nonbreaking space before the colon in correspondence formulas: Karo Batak *mbulan* ‘white, pale’ : Tae *bulan* ‘albino’

**Order.** Parentheticals follow the headword gloss if they contain a separate gloss:

96. (2) \*budaq (dbl. \*barak) ‘white’

201. (3) \*gateq ‘coconut milk’ (dbl. \*gateq ‘sap’).

**Mathematic formulas.** Use sans serif characters in math formulas.

**Outline format roman numerals.** Avoid roman numerals—use arabic where necessary.

**Abstracts and numbering.** Abstracts, required for all articles and squibs, are not part of any paragraph-numbering system. Abstracts should be brief and self-contained, and not dependent on the reference list, nor should they have footnotes. For examples, see “issue contents” at <http://uhpjournals.wordpress.com/category/oceanic-linguistics/>.

**Numbering for outlines.** Outlines begin with number 1, not 0.

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**Numbers.** Use Chicago style numbers in text: “spell out single-digit numbers and use numerals for all others” CMS 9.6: alternative rule. Use commas in thousands: 3,065.

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**Percentages.** Use numeral and the word “percent” in text; %-sign may be used in tables).

**Dates.** 1000 B.C., but A.D. 1000 (B.C. and A.D. typeset as small caps, and without space after first period). Write out centuries (twentieth century), but 1920s and 1900s.

## ABBREVIATIONS

**Language names.** Follow the proposal set forth by Lawrence A. Reid, “Comments on abbreviation conventions for Austronesian language names” in OL 31(1):131–34 (1992), using small caps and no periods. A quick summary is as follows: (1) abbr. should have three letters, generally all consonants (e.g., MRS, Marshall-ese; KSR, Kosraean; but TAG, Tagalog); (2) the first letter should be capital, the second and third small; (3) hyphenated names produce a sequence of capitals (e.g., BisSL for the Samar-Leyte dialect of Bisayan, MP for Malayo-Polynesian), (4) Protolanguage names retain the abbr. for the lg. family, with an initial uppercase P preposed (e.g., PMP, Proto-Malayo-Polynesian; PAN, Proto-Austronesian; POC, Proto-Oceanic).

**“Page(s)”.** Do not use “p.” or “pp.”, except to avoid ambiguity.

**Scholarly.** Standard abbreviations (etc., e.g., i.e., cf.) are acceptable only in footnotes and parenthetically in text. Elsewhere spell out (CMS 15.45), such as “etc.” written out as “and so forth.” Always follow “e.g.” and “i.e.” with a comma.

**States.** In references, use zipcode alpha abbreviations for states (CMS 15.2), such as “CO” for “Colorado,” “MA” for “Massachusetts,” and so on.

**Period, point.** Greater parsimony in the use of periods is to be found in the 15th ed. of CMS than in the 14th, with the general recommendation, “use periods with abbreviations that appear in lowercase letters; use no periods with [those] that appear in full capitals or small capitals” (15.4). Of course there are many exceptions, but two instances of consistency that can be mentioned here are the abbreviations for language names (generally three letters, with lower case portions in small caps) in OL, and for academic degrees: PAN, POC, TAG, MAL, MRS; PhD, MA.

**Morpheme glosses.** Follow the Leipzig Glossing Rules: <http://www.eva.mpg.de/lingua/files/morpheme.html>. Use the standard abbreviations from that list. Any additional abbreviations needed in your paper should be summarized in an early footnote, using the format: DIR, directional; PREP, preposition. NB Do not use equals signs (=).

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**Block quotes, prose extracts.** OL style is no offset quotations under 100 words, unless special emphasis is required. Lean toward running in quotes.

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“first up” (that is, they begin with a capital letter), and they are preceded by a colon. Price and other details can usually be obtained from publisher’s web site.

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**In-text citation examples:** (Blust 1970:348–49, n.7) (Blust in press) (Blust to appear) (Blust n.d.) (Starosta 1971a, 1971b) (Collins, pers. comm.) (Dempwolff 1934–38). Do not use *passim* or *ff.*; give beginning and final pages for spans: (Chen 1987:117–19). Use “et al.” only when citing a work with more than three authors. In reference lists, give issue number (in parentheses) only when pagination is not continuous throughout the volume: *Classical Philology* 94(2): 205–9; *Oceanic Linguistics* 45:133–52. When the issue number is included, there is a space after the colon.

**Authors.** In references, use authors’ and editors’ given names, not just initials. When initials are normally used by a given author, separate each by a space: R. M. W. Dixon, not R.M.W. Dixon.

**Capitalization.** First word of book or article title (or subtitle following colon) is cap, remainder no cap. Title of series or journal in regular title caps: *Oceanic Linguistics Special Publication No. 28*.

**Edited collections.** Note the treatment of articles that form chapters of books:

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**Grammar: restrictive and nonrestrictive.** OL style is to use “that” for restrictive (essential) relative clauses, and “which” only for nonrestrictive (nonessential) clauses. In relative clauses, when not preceded by a preposition, “which” should be preceded by a comma.

**Subject-verb agreement.** Watch out for a phrase or clause that separates a subject from its verb. (Occasionally, instead of using a verb that agrees with the subject, an author will use a verb that agrees with the singular/plural of the intruding phrase or clause.)

**Pronoun referents.** If it is not clear to what or whom a pronoun is referring, remove it and repeat the noun. (Lean toward the author’s usage, unless you as a reader had to pause to figure it out.)

**Pronoun overuse.** Book-review writers often are guilty of overusing “he” or “she” when referring to an author. Interrupt long strings of pronouns by occasionally substituting the last name for the pronoun—no need to overdo this. Recent OL book-review practice of using initial of author’s surname for references after the first is a viable alternative for reviews.

**Since.** Avoid the use of “since” in nontemporal contexts.

**Case.** Linguists, for whom “case” is a technical term, should not contribute to its overuse, something that is endemic in many disciplines today. There are many good substitutes to help us: “it is not the case ...” > “it is not true ...”; “It is the case that he is older than I am.” > “He is older than I am.”; “in this case” > “in this instance”; and so forth.

Thank you for your attention to these matters. It greatly simplifies the tasks of the editor and the typesetter.

## Instructions for Contributors

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