

List of abbreviations

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| ABC | Australian Broadcasting Corporation |
| ABS | Australian Bureau of Statistics |
| AIATSIS | Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies |
| <i>AND</i> | <i>The Australian National Dictionary</i> |
| ANU | The Australian National University |
| ASL | American Sign Language |
| AWARE | Association of Women for Action and Research |
| BSL | British Sign Language |
| CAP | cumulative average point |
| CBOT | Chicago Board of Trade |
| DCT | Discourse-Completion Task |
| DS | direct speech |
| EA | Euro-American |
| ERP | event-related potential |
| FOMO | fear of missing out |
| IDP | internally displaced persons |
| IOM | International Organization for Migration |
| IS | indirect speech |
| LAAL | Living Archive of Aboriginal Languages |
| LFG | Lexical Functional Grammar |
| MIT | Massachusetts Institute of Technology |
| NP | noun phrase |
| NSM | Natural Semantic Metalanguage |

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| NSW | New South Wales |
| NUS | National University of Singapore |
| <i>OED</i> | <i>Oxford English Dictionary</i> |
| OSV | object–subject–verb |
| PP | prepositional phrase |
| RNC | Russian National Corpus |
| SL | sign language |
| SOV | subject–object–verb |
| SVAdj | subject–verb–adjective |
| SV/AVO | subject–verb/transitive subject–subject–object |
| SVC | serial verb constructions |
| SVO | subject–verb–object |
| TAM | tense–aspect–mood |
| TESOL | Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages |
| TG | Transformational Grammar |
| VP | verb phrase |
| VS/VOA | verb–subject/verb–object–transitive subject |

Glossing abbreviations

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|-------------|---|
| 1, 2, 3 | First/second/third person |
| 12 | First person inclusive |
| 4 | Fourth person; used in non-topical object function instead of a third person pronoun when the subject of the clause is the topic and a third person |
| ACC | Accusative |
| ALL | Allative |
| ART | Article |
| AUX | Auxiliary |
| CL:ANIMAL | Animal classifier |
| CL:MAN | Man classifier |
| COMP, COMPL | Complementiser |

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| CONSEC | Consecutive marker <i>re</i> indicating that the situation denoted by the verb complex directly follows the preceding situation |
| DAT | Dative |
| DEF | Definite |
| DIM | Diminutive |
| DL, DU | Dual |
| DS | Different subject from the next verb |
| ERG | Ergative |
| EVOC | Evocative |
| EX, EXCL | Exclusive |
| FUT | Future |
| GEN | Genitive |
| IMP | Imperative |
| IN, INCL | Inclusive |
| INF | Infinitive |
| IO | Indirect object |
| IPFV | Imperfective aspect marker inflecting for person and number |
| LNK | Linker: links prepositional attributes and adverbials to the head of NPs and VCs, respectively |
| LOC | Locative |
| NOMIC | Nomic |
| NONPAST, NPST | Non-past |
| OBJ | Object |
| OBJM | Object marker |
| PF | Perfective (today's past or present habitual) |
| PL | Plural |
| PLM | Plural marker |
| POSS | Possessive marker inflecting for person and number and linking possessor pronouns or NPs to the possessed noun in inalienable constructions |
| PRED | Predicate marker |

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| PREP | Preposition; specifically, the multipurpose preposition <i>te</i> |
| PRES, PRS | Present |
| PRIOR | Prior to the next verb |
| PROG | Present progressive |
| PRON | Pronoun |
| PST | Past |
| Q | Question particle/marker |
| RDP | Reduplicative |
| RED | Reduplication |
| REFL | Reflexive |
| REL | Relative pronoun, not inflecting, but syntactically holding the position of a topical NP |
| RP | Recent past |
| SBJ, SUB | Subject |
| SG | Singular |
| SIM | Simultaneous with the next verb |
| SS | Same subject as the next verb |
| TAM | Tense/aspect/mood marker |
| TOP | Topic |
| TRS | Transitive |

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