

Bibliographic exercise directions

for Ling 201A term paper
due Jan. 31

1. Pick a phenomenon type that is suitable for the term paper (see term paper instructions) and that you might want to do your paper on.
2. If you are not at a UCLA computer, turn on the BOL proxy server (see <http://www.bol.ucla.edu/services/proxy/> for directions). Some networks do not let you do this; in that case just do this task on campus. You will know that all is well if you can go to www.oed.com, search for a word, and then see “Your access is brought to you by: UC - Los Angeles” in the bottom right corner of the resulting screen [bonus: now you know how to access the online OED!].
3. Search Google Scholar (scholar.google.com) for a suitable word or phrase. You may need to try a few before you find something that works. Ideally, you will find a good-sounding paper/chapter/book/dissertation whose full text you can access online. The paper should discuss at least one specific example of the phenomenon, though the paper can have other things in it too.
4. Now try it the old-fashioned way: go to www.library.ucla.edu, click ‘search and find’, choose ‘databases’ from the drop-down menu, then click ‘A-Z list of databases’. Click the ‘L’ tab of the resulting page, and scroll down to ‘Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts’. Click on it. Enter your search term(s) in the resulting screen. **Beware:** ‘keywords’ is a specific field that doesn’t contain, e.g., the title; you should usually search ‘anywhere’ instead of ‘keywords’. Again, you may need/want to try various search terms. When you click on an item you’ll see its abstract. Find an item that sounds promising. If it is a recent journal article, try using the UCLA catalog to access it online (ask library staff for help if it is not obvious how to do this). Or try finding it on the author’s web page.
5. Repeat #4, this time with ‘MLA International Bibliography’ instead of *LLBA*. (Choose “MLA international bibliography” from the results, not the German thing.) The search interface will be exactly the same, but you will get slightly different results.
6. Turn in the following information, for **each** of #3, #4, and #5 above:
 - full bibliographic information for the promising item that you found (author, date, title, journal or book title, etc.)
 - the search term you used to find that item (e.g. *directional* AND phonology* for LLBA)
 - What is the phenomenon discussed, and what’s the language (e.g. *counterbleeding of vowel raising by final devoicing in Polish*)
 - If you were able to access the full text, what is the original source cited for the data (give full bibliographic data)?

If this is what you really want to do your term paper on, your next step (not part of this assignment) will be to locate that source. If it turns out not to be the original source of the data, keep digging till you get there.