**Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts (LLBA)**

**COVERAGE**
This database covers disciplines concerned with the nature and use of language, including sociolinguistics and psycholinguistics. The database covers all aspects of the study of language including phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax and semantics. It includes details of many articles relevant to the study of translation and language technology. Nearly 2,000 journals are abstracted. It also provides abstracts of books, book chapters, and dissertations. Coverage begins in 1973 and is updated monthly. Approximately 1,500 records are added each month.

It can be searched individually or in combination with other Proquest databases. The *MLA International Bibliography of Language and Literature*, a major bibliography for literature and languages, can also be useful (for instance if you are studying literary translation or translation theory).

**STARTING**
- Do an iFind search for *LLBA* and click on the full text link. If prompted, enter your Swansea University username and password into the username and password box.  
  Or:
- Access the resource via your subject’s library guide. If prompted, enter your Swansea University username and password.

**QUICK SEARCH**
Begin by entering a word or phrase into the search field. Searching is not case sensitive, so you don’t need to use capital letters.

To find all words entered in the search box, separate words with **AND** – this can narrow your search and will find only records which include both or all these words. For example, typing *lexicography and lexicology* will find records containing **both lexicography and lexicology**.

To find any of the words entered in the search box, you must separate words with **OR** - this can broaden your search and is useful if you are searching for synonyms or related terms. For example, typing *dictionaries or lexicography or lexicology* will find records containing **either dictionaries or lexicography or lexicology**.

**Phrases** – to search for phrases (e.g. “machine translation” or “language acquisition”) enclose the phrase in quotation marks.
Truncation – Use the truncation symbol * to find terms with a variety of endings. For example, you can use the truncation symbol * to find terms with a variety of endings e.g. bilingual* will find bilingual, bilingualism etc.

You can also adjust the date range.

ADVANCED SEARCH
Advanced searching enables you to search more than one specific field at a time, such as author and publication title.

This search looks for writings by Trudgill on dialect:

The multiple search boxes can be useful for searches using both the “AND” and “OR” operators in one search. This search would look for articles on either Urdu or Hindi published in World Englishes (a journal which we have at Swansea):

THESAURUS SEARCHING
It is important when searching a database to use the most appropriate terminology in order to find the most relevant results. The thesaurus can help you to find the most suitable terms. For example, if you do a search in the Thesaurus for judicial language and then click on that subject term you will be advised to use the term legal language for judicial language. A search for legal language brings many more results than a search for judicial language.

- Go to the Advanced search screen and then click on Thesaurus.
- Enter a subject term and click on Find.
- Choose the term(s) most relevant to your topic and tick the checkbox next to them. Click on Add to Search.
- If you tick the Explode checkbox next to a term in the Thesaurus you will include all the narrower terms in your search as well. Often a list of “Related Terms” and “Narrower Terms” will be shown.
DISPLAYING RESULTS

The screen will give the results of your search. To retrieve results from just peer-reviewed journals, tick the **Peer reviewed** box.

![Search filters](image)

Click on **Abstract/Details** to see an abstract and full bibliographic details of an item which interests you.

Click on **iGetIt @Swansea University** to see if a copy of the journal is available at Swansea University online. A new window will open with a link to the full text online if available.

The availability of the full text of a journal article online is dependent on factors such as whether we have a subscription to either the journal itself or to a full-text database (such as JSTOR or Science Direct) which can supply the journal.

The full text of some articles is contained within Proquest itself. If the full text is in Proquest, just click on the **Full text** or **Full text – PDF** icon.

![Article](image)

**Too many results?** You can use filters to reduce the results to a manageable number. For instance, you might wish to filter by document type and limit to articles.
You can filter by date, dragging the slide bar to select a recent range of years.

**MARKING RECORDS**

Mark the records which you will want to output (i.e. either print, save or email) by clicking in the **Record number** boxes.

Select the items in your results which are of interest to you and click on **Email, Print** or **More** at the top of your results list.

**HELP**

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