

Bibliographic exercise directions for Ling 200A term paper

1. Pick a phenomenon type that is suitable for the term paper (see term paper instructions): opacity, iterativity, multiple rule application, local optionality, directionality, rule-ordering paradox, constraint-ranking paradox, constraint-specific repairs, saltation... something that SPE deals well with and OT has trouble with or vice-versa, and that you think you might really want to do your term 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 access www.oed.com, search for a word, and then see “Subscriber: UC - Los Angeles” in pale print at the bottom right of the resulting screen. (Bonus: now you know that you have access to the 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 old-school: go to www.library.ucla.edu, click the ‘search and find’ dropdown menu, choose ‘databases’, then ‘A-Z list of databases’. Click on the *L* tab and scroll down to *Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts* (also known as LLBA). Enter your search term(s) in the resulting screen. Again, you may need/want to try various search terms—try adding the term *phonology*. When you click on an item you’ll see its abstract. Find an item that sounds promising and see if you can get the actual item without leaving your desk: search the web, try the UC e-links button.
5. Repeat #4, this time with *MLA International Bibliography* instead of LLBA. The search interface will be exactly the same, but you will get different (maybe fewer) 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 that this paper gets its data from?

If this is what you 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.