

Survey of English Usage

Annual Report 1984-85

1. General

This year witnessed the publication by Longman of A Comprehensive Grammar of the English Language by four scholars closely associated with the Survey: Professor Sir Randolph Quirk (founder and first Director of the Survey), Professor Sidney Greenbaum (its present Director) Professor Geoffrey Leech, and Professor Jan Svartvik

(formerly Assistant Director) Professor David Crystal who began his

career by working at the Survey, compiled the index of 113 pages.

The new grammar is the climax of twenty years of collaborative work by the four authors. Building on A Grammar of Contemporary English, acknowledged since its publication in 1972 as the standard reference work in the field, it is an even more comprehensive synthesis of

current grammatical description of the English language.

A new one-year M.A. course was successfully inaugurated this

Dr J. Rusiecki	Warsaw University	syntax
Prof. I. Schlesinger	Hebrew University	psycholinguistics

Among scholars who paid us briefer visits were:

Professor C-J. Bailey	University of Berlin
Professor W-D Bald	University of Aachen
Dr. D. Biber	University of Southern California
Professor R. de Beaugrande	University of Florida



Mr A. Jabusch	University of Hamburg
Ms B. Kirkpatrick	Edinburgh
Dr M. Krenn	University of Munich
Professor T. Kuwahara	University of Tohoku
Professor L. Lipka	University of Munich
Ms A. Lucas	University of Glasgow
Ms L. Moxey	University of Glasgow
Ms McAteer	University of Glasgow

3. The Year's Work

Sylvia Chalker, Oonagh Sayce, and Tom Lavelle have continued to work on first-stage grammatical analysis; some analysis was also undertaken

by Dea Anta and Nicholas Jones, students on the M.A. course. Dea

them they have analysed fifteen texts, bringing the total of texts analysed and filed so far to 152 (66 written and 86 spoken). Susan Boase transcribed four spoken texts and provided them with prosodic

and morphosyntactic markings. Valeria Adams checked spoken

conference. Janet Whitcut lectured in Delhi on a tour sponsored by the British Council. Professor Akimoto, who spent a year at the Survey, gave a paper at the LACUS conference.

4. Publications

We occasionally fail to record publications. Scholars who have used Survey material are urged to send offprints to the Survey. If publications from previous years have not been listed, please let us know. We keep lists of Survey publications, and we bring them up to date periodically.

We do not list reviews (unless they are review articles) or articles in newspapers or popular magazines.

The Survey has an extensive collection of offprints on all aspects of modern English Language and in related fields. We welcome ~~offprints of~~ ~~printed articles and working papers~~

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Studia Linguistica 38, 20-69.

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Greenbaum, S. (1984) Good English (Inaugural lecture).
London: University College. 25 pages.

Greenbaum, S., C.F. Meyer, and J. Taylor (1984) 'The image of the
dictionary for American college students'. Dictionaries 6, 31-52

Pergamon Press. xviii + 245 pages.

Ilson, R. (1985) 'Usage problems in British and American English'

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Ilson, R. (1985) 'British and American English: a personal look',
Practical English Teaching 5, 57-58.

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conventions', Applied Linguistics 6, 162-172.

conversational English. Antwerp papers in Linguistics 38.
Antwerp: University of Antwerp Linguistics Dept. 147 pages.

Stenström, A-B. (1985) 'English in speech and writing', Papers and studies in contrastive linguistics, ed. J. Fisiak. Poznan: Adam Mickiewicz University.

språket: Hedersskrift till Kolbjörn Heggedal. 170-172

Bergen: Logos AS.

Svartvik, J. and A-B. Stenström (1985) 'Words, words, words: the rest is silence?' Papers on language and literature, ed.

S. Bäckström and C. Kjellman. 242-252. Gothenburg: Universitetet i Göteborg.