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Label headings consistently. We recommend simply using a larger font than the main body (e.g. if you use Arial 11 pt. for your main text, format all headings in Arial 14 pt.)

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Preferably use European style dates: 3 October 2001.

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Use spacing to indicate emphasis.

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*The Grimms’ Household Tales*

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*Axel Olrik’s essay Epic Laws of Folk Narrative*

*Poe’s poem The Raven*

*AaTh 303: The Twins or Blood-Brothers*
Mot. D 1664: Summer and winter garden

3.7. Abbreviations

The following abbreviations can be used in English articles:

cf. = compare

col. = column

ead. = eadem (the same, fem.)
ed. = editor, edited by

eds. = editors

eid. = eidem (the same, fem. pl.)
et al. = et alii

f. = the following

ff. = the following (pl.)

fig. = figure

ibid. = ibidem (in the same place)
id. = idem (the same, m.)
iid. = iidem (the same, m. pl.)
n.d. = no date

no. = number

n.p. = no place

p. = page

vol. = volume

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Example for a bibliographic reference: This theory seems to tally with the observations of fieldworkers (Dégh 1962, 172).

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