

Guide for Contributors

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When a paper has been refereed, revised if necessary, and accepted, a final electronic file containing the final proofread version of the manuscript should be sent to the editor. Authors are requested to follow the style sheet of the *American Psychological Association* and use *Microsoft Word* to prepare their manuscripts. Contributors will receive two complimentary copies of IJAL. Contributions and correspondence on all editorial matters should be addressed to Dr. Mahmood Reza Atai: mreatai@yahoo.com and atai@khu.ac.ir, Tehran, No. 43, Mofateh Avenue, Research Institute of Foreign Languages, Kharazmi University. Phone & Fax Number: 021-88304896 / 88828416.

General Submission Guidelines

Notes

- Submissions should not normally exceed 8000 words.
- Minimize the number of notes.

- Begin the notes on a new page before references.
- The first note should be the acknowledgement.

References

- Citations in the text should be indicated by giving the author(s)' name(s), the year of publication, and page number(s) wherever necessary, e.g. Brown (2004, p. 25).
- All works cited should appear in the 'References' section which begins on a new page following the endnotes. References to more than one publication by an author in the same year should be distinguished alphabetically with small letters, for example, Widdowson (1995a). Journal and Book titles must be italicized. References should be listed as follows:

Books

Fairclough, N. (1995). *Critical discourse analysis*. London: Longman.

Journal articles

Boers, F. (2001). Remembering figurative idioms by hypothesizing about their origin. *Prospect*, 16(3), 35-43.

Articles in a book

Bandura, A. (1995). Exercise of personal and collective efficacy in changing societies. In A. Bandura (Eds.), *Self-efficacy in changing societies* (pp. 1-45). New York: Cambridge University Press.

Internet sources

Al-Shumaimeri, A. N. Y. (2005). Gender differences in reading comprehension performance in relation to content familiarity of gender-neutral texts. Retrieved from <http://www.faculty.ksu.edu.sa/Yousif/publications>

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- Include tables and figures on separate pages.
- Indicate in the text where the tables and figures must appear.

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