

## UK ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND STYLE GUIDE

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*CIPEG Journal* uses **British English** for spelling, grammar and punctuation. Non-native speakers of English should have their typescripts checked by a native speaker before submission.

Important areas where **British English** differs from **American English** include:

- Spellings of various words, e.g.: ‘programme’ NOT ‘program’ (except where a computer program is meant); ‘catalogue’ NOT ‘catalog’; ‘archaeology’ NOT ‘archeology’; ‘colour’ NOT ‘color’. If in doubt, please check – and/or change your language setting in WORD to ‘English (UK)’.
- Use of inverted commas is essentially the *reverse* of American practice, i.e.: SINGLE inverted commas ( ‘ ’ ) are used for quotations from written works, article titles, etc.; DOUBLE inverted commas ( “ ” ) are ONLY used for **reported speech**, and no other purposes.
- Dates should be of the form 23 June 2019 (NOT ‘23rd June 2019’ or ‘June 23rd, 2019’).

### Numbers

The character between dates, page references etc. (dates: 1901–2, page number: 164–65) is an N-RULE (often OPTION-HYPHEN on a keyboard) **not** an ordinary hyphen.

### Capitalisation

‘Middle Kingdom’

‘Twentieth Dynasty’ (NOT ‘20th Dynasty’)

‘19th century’ (NOT ‘Nineteenth Century’)

‘ancient Egyptian’ (NOT ‘Ancient Egyptian’ – except where the language is meant).

‘Professor Shirley Jones’ (otherwise ‘professor’)

Direct translations of ancient titles should be capitalised (e.g. ‘Overseer of the Granaries’), but not a modern informal translation (e.g. ‘Greatest of Seers’, but ‘high priest of Re at Heliopolis’).

### Number-spans & dates

Please follow these examples:

YEARS	PAGES
1902–3	1–33
1923–24	25–26
1996–2004	101–4
	125–26
	225–98
	1076–88

For dates BC: 2345–2330 BC (i.e. use full year in both halves of span)

‘AD’ should prefix years only where the context could be ambiguous.

### Footnotes

Please set all notes as footnotes in your typescript, with the footnote number **following** any punctuation (i.e. ‘superstructure.<sup>47</sup>’ NOT ‘superstructure<sup>47</sup>.’)