

# The effect of specificity on the word order of indefinite NPs in the German middlefield

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# 1 Introduction

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## 2 Theory

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## 3 **LaTeX Help**

In this chapter, I will show you how to use some of the commands and packages in the template for term papers. The following topics will be explained:

- What is in the file `localcommands` and how can I use the commands? (Sec. 3.1)
- How can I work with the package `langsci-gb4e` for examples? (Sec. 3.2)
- How can I insert figures and tables with floating environments? (Sec. 4)
- Which entry types can I use for bibliographic information? (Sec. 5 & 6)
- How can I add personal to-do notes to my text? (Sec. 7)

All packages mentioned here are loaded in `texfiles/localpackages`. Take into account that this is not an introduction into **LaTeX**. For a short **LaTeX** introduction (in German), see Freitag and Machicao y Priemer (2019).

### 3.1 **Own commands**

In the file `texfiles/localcommands` you can define your own commands. I have pre-defined some commands such that you can see how that works.

- `\zB` renders the German abbreviation z. B. (for ‘for example’), with a protected blank between “z.” and “B.”.
- `\gqq{argument}` renders the German double quotation marks, as in „argument“.
- `\gq{argument}` renders the German single quotation marks, as in ,argument‘.
- The commands `\red{argument}` and `\blue{argument}` render text in blue or red, e.g. `\red{argument}`, `\blue{argument}`.
- The commands `\clrr{argument}` and `\clry{argument}` render text marked with red or yellow, e.g. `\clrr{argument}`, `\clry{argument}`.

### 3.2 Examples

In this document, the package `langsci-gb4e` is loaded<sup>1</sup> for creating example environments. It is a slightly modified version of `gb4e`, see the `gb4e` manual (Kolb et al., 2010) or Freitag and Machicao y Priemer (2019)) for further explanations. `langsci-gb4e` can be used with the same  $\text{\LaTeX}$  syntax as `gb4e`:

```
\begin{exe}
\ex This is an example.
\ex This is the second example.
\begin{xlist}
\ex embedded examples with different numbering
\ex These examples are numbered with letters.
\ex another example numbered with letters
\end{xlist}
\end{exe}
```

`langsci-gb4e` also provides a somewhat simpler syntax:

```
\ea This is an example.
\ex This is the second example.
\ea embedded examples with different numbering
\ex These examples are numbered with letters.
\ex another example numbered with letters
\z
\z
```

The result in both cases is the same:

- (1) This is an example.
- (2) This is the second example.
  - a. embedded examples with different numbering
  - b. These examples are numbered with letters.
  - c. another example numbered with letters

## 4 Figures and Tables

There is a floating environment for figures. It is floating but you can (try to) fix<sup>2</sup> the figure on a position with the option `[h]`. The environment is helpful to center figures using the command `\centering` and to add captions that are listed in the List of Figures.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> All packages are loaded in the file `texfiles/localpackages`.

<sup>2</sup> If there is not enough place where you want to position the graphic,  $\text{\LaTeX}$  will choose a different place, e.g. at the top of the next page.

<sup>3</sup> For more on figures, tables, and captions, see Freitag and Machicao y Priemer (2019).

By using the command `\includegraphics` from the package `graphicx` you can include graphics. All you have to do is indicate the graphic's file path (see the Figure 1).<sup>4</sup>

```
\begin{figure}[h]
  \centering
  \includegraphics[scale=.45]{graphics/Young-Frege}
  \caption{Young Frege}
  \label{fig:Frege}
\end{figure}
```



Figure 1: Young Frege

It works in the same way for tables.

```
\begin{table}[h]
  \centering
  \begin{tabular}{l|l}
    Figure & Table \\
    \hline
    test & test \\
  \end{tabular}
  \caption{Test table}
\end{table}
```

Figure	Table
test	test

Table 1: Test table

## 5 Examples for different bibliographical entries

In order to see which information you need in your Bib<sub>T</sub><sub>E</sub>X file for different entry types<sup>5</sup> (e.g. article, book, manuscript, etc.), check the file `texfiles/literature`.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Source of figure: [https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gottlob\\_Frege#/media/Datei:Young\\_frege.jpg](https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gottlob_Frege#/media/Datei:Young_frege.jpg)

<sup>5</sup> See also <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BibTeX> or Freitag and Machicao y Priemer (2019).

<sup>6</sup> The file `texfiles/literature` is the Bib<sub>T</sub><sub>E</sub>X file for this document. You can introduce your entries there.

If you want to see the output for every specific entry type (e.g. `phdthesis` vs. `book`), take a look at the bibliography of this PDF.

- PhD Thesis: Abney (1987)
- Article in an edited book: Ackema (2015)
- Book: Adger (2004)
- Edited book: Machicao y Priemer et al. (2014)
- Article in a journal: Barwise and Cooper (1981)
- Article in an online journal or database: Kolb et al. (2010)
- Unpublished work / manuscript: Comrie et al. (2015)
- Published work without author, using a key, i.e. an abbreviation for the citation (this can be used e.g. for corpora or dictionaries): (DR, 2017)
- Published entry in an encyclopedia (online): Machicao y Priemer (2018)

## 6 Examples for different citation commands with *natbib*

The package *natbib* (loaded in `texfiles/localpackages`) provides different commands for citations. You can find the IDs for every bibliography entry in the file `texfiles/literature`, but they are also being suggested as soon as you type in one of the `\cite` commands.

input	output
<code>\citep{Heim&amp;Kratzer00a}</code>	(Heim and Kratzer, 2000)
<code>\citep[cf.] [4--5]{Heim&amp;Kratzer00a}</code>	(cf. Heim and Kratzer, 2000: 4–5)
<code>\citet{Heim&amp;Kratzer00a}</code>	Heim and Kratzer (2000)
<code>\citep[cf.] []{Heim&amp;Kratzer00a}</code>	(cf. Heim and Kratzer, 2000)
<code>\citep[56--76]{Heim&amp;Kratzer00a}</code>	(Heim and Kratzer, 2000: 56–76)
<code>\citealp[56]{Heim&amp;Kratzer00a}</code>	Heim and Kratzer, 2000: 56
<code>\citealt[43ff]{Heim&amp;Kratzer00a}</code>	Heim and Kratzer 2000: 43–45
<code>\citep{Heim&amp;Kratzer00a,Abney87a}</code>	(Heim and Kratzer, 2000; Abney, 1987)



## 7 Notes

If you want to write preliminary margin notes, you can use the command `\todo`.<sup>7</sup>

This  
note is  
orange.

## 8 Links in the PDF

In the PDF file several elements are framed in red or green. These elements are links, the coloured frames will not appear in the print version of your document. In case you do not want to see the frames, just comment in the option `hidelinks` for the package `hyperref` in the file `texfiles/localpackages`.

### 8.1 Helpful literature

When writing your term paper, you can take a look at the following literature for further help (German explanations are for texts in German):

- DR (2017): Für Fragen der Rechtschreibung
- Machicao y Priemer (2019) oder Rothstein (2011): Für Fragen bzgl. der Fertigstellung von Hausarbeiten
- Haspelmath (2014): General style rules for linguistic papers
- Comrie et al. (2015): Glossing rules
- Freitag and Machicao y Priemer (2019): Für Fragen bzgl.  $\LaTeX$
- Kohm and Morawski (2014): Für Fragen bzgl. der Formatierung mit dem KOMA-Script

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<sup>7</sup> Take a look at the documentation of the package <https://ctan.org/pkg/todonotes>. You can customise your own to-do notes.

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