

Dear Editors of GEMA Online,

It is my pleasure to submit the present manuscript under the (provisional) title *The Effect of Defining Model on the Accuracy of Syntactic Class Identification in When-Definitions in Digital Dictionaries* for consideration for publication in GEMA Online.

The study reported in the paper looks at three variants of the popular When-Definition to see if these formats differ with respect to conveying part-of-speech information to learners of English. Surprisingly, there are clear and statistically significant differences between the formats, so the findings have constructive and positive implications for dictionary making as well as for English language pedagogy in general. The study uses a robust experimental design on a large sample, and the latest analytical tools with what is currently best practice in reporting and visualizing the results. It also has suggestions for best practice.

I very much hope that the submission will meet with your interest. It is original, not submitted elsewhere, and I declare readiness to make any requested revisions in a timely and careful manner. While there exists a major journal on lexicography, I tend not to submit my work there because of a potential conflict of interest, as I serve as Editor-in-Chief.

Following the suggestion in the Author Guide, I am happy to suggest a few candidates, in my view excellent, without prejudice to any other candidates you might wish to invite. All of these candidates are accomplished scholars and have expertise in lexicography.

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I am happy to offer further suggestions if that would be useful, and I remain at your immediate disposal on any other matter.

With kind regards,

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