

Hands-on session on HUGE

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HUGE, or Hyper Usage Guide of English, is a publicly accessible database of usage guides and usage problems in English which was developed by Robin Straaijer in the context of research project Bridging the Unbridgeable: Linguists, Prescriptivists and the General Public at the Leiden University Centre for Linguistics.

Following a brief introduction, this session offers hands-on experience with working with the material in the database so that participants can find out for themselves about questions like the nature or accuracy of usage advice as well as gain access to the metalinguistic discourse adopted in usage advice given over a period of nearly 250 years.