Orthography: Bibliography

We have compiled a fairly detailed bibliography of works on orthography, ranging from principles underlying orthography development to specific case studies.

We recommend a few works in particular as a starting point.


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