

## [ . . . ] and [ . . . ] Headings H 310

**BACKGROUND:** Relationships between two topics are designated by several different formulations in the Library of Congress subject heading system. Headings describing such relationships are usually constructed using standard subdivisions such as *-Effect of [ . . . ] on, -[ . . . ] influences, -Psychological aspects, -Social aspects, etc.* In most situations, constructions of this type are possible because the work being cataloged focuses primarily on an effect, influence, or relationship from the perspective of a main topic, represented by the heading itself, with secondary emphasis on the other topic, that is, the affecting or influencing topic, represented by the subdivision. Occasionally, however, relationships between two very general topics may be discussed at a broad level and from the perspectives of both topics. In such cases, it is not always possible to use a heading-subdivision construction to describe the relationships accurately. For this situation only, headings may be constructed using the formulation **[Topic A] and [Topic B]**. For special provisions for the relationship between a topic and religion or between a topic and a specific religion or denomination, see H 1998.

*Note:* Some headings established with the conjunction **and** represent two topics normally treated together, for example, **Bolts and nuts**, or have additional terms for clarification of meaning, for example, **Files and rasps**.

**1. Proposing new headings.** Establish new headings in the form **[Topic A] and [Topic B]** only when the work being cataloged discusses the relationship between the topics from both perspectives and in such broad terms that it could not accurately be described by the use of a main heading and subdivision.

*Examples of appropriate [Topic A] and [Topic B] headings:*

150 ## \$a Education and crime  
150 ## \$a Feminism and the arts  
150 ## \$a Government and the press

*Examples of inappropriate [Topic A] and [Topic B] headings:*

150 ## \$a Drugs and body temperature  
*use instead:* 650 #0 \$a Body temperature \$x Effect of drugs on.

150 ## \$a English literature and Italian civilization  
*use instead:* 650 #0 \$a English literature \$x Italian influences.

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### 1. *Proposing new headings.*

*Examples of inappropriate [Topic A] and [Topic B] headings: (Continued)*

150 ## \$a Mass media and society  
*use instead:* 650 #0 \$a Mass media \$x Social aspects.

150 ## \$a Psychology and advertising  
*use instead:* 650 #0 \$a Advertising \$x Psychological aspects.

Do not propose headings of this type for works that discuss two topics distinctly, rather than the relationship between them. For such works, assign as many individual headings as are required to bring out the topics discussed.

Decide which topic to give as Topic A and which as Topic B based on precedents in existing headings in the subject authority file.

**2. References.** Add the following reference fields whenever proposing a new **[Topic A] and [Topic B]** heading:

**a. If [Topic B] is an established heading:**

450 ## \$a [Topic B] and [Topic A]  
550 ## \$w g \$a [Topic B]

*Example:*

150 ## \$a Feminism and the arts  
450 ## \$a Arts and feminism  
550 ## \$w g \$a Arts

**2. References.** (Continued)

**b. If [Topic B] is not an established heading:**

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450 ## $a [Topic B] and [Topic A]
550 ## $w g $a [established heading representing the concept of
      Topic B]
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*Example:*

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150 ## $a Agriculture and energy
450 ## $a Energy and agriculture
550 ## $w g $a Power resources
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**3. Using existing headings.** Make no attempt to change existing headings in the subject authority file that conflict with these instructions. Continue to use such headings for new works being cataloged.