

7. SHIFT

Shift and Verticality are the fundamental principles underlying this note-taking system.

To explain Shift let us take an example: „Over the course of 1954, prices rose, although not to the same extent as income, thus the population’s net income increased.” Our notes will be as follows (the symbol ↗ denotes increase):

54, prices ↗
but ————— no = ↗ income
so ————— Pop^{on} ↗

Word for word on the first line : Over the course of 1954, prices
rose,

Word for word on the second line : although not to the same extent
as income,

Word for word on the third line : thus the population’s net
income increased.

Having used Shift to give our notes a vertical layout on the page, noting the links is almost enough to give us an accurate and full version of the text.

Shift means writing notes in the place on a lower line where they would have appeared had the text on the line above been repeated.

The examples below show how notes would be positioned during interpretation, but have not been abbreviated.

„The report on the economic situation in Europe is a fine document which discusses some interesting topics”:

R^{ort}
Ec.Eur *good*
discusses interesting topics

„to understand the program, one must”
to understand the program
one must

„The effectiveness of the Social and Economic Council’s efforts at solving.....”

effectiveness efforts Ecosoc
at solving.....

„Thus in the Report and the Study we find a theoretical and practical analysis which will help in the adoption of.....”

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(*in R^{ort}*)
Study

theoretical
there is analysis practical
which will help in the adoption

of

See also examples of Shift in part 3.